

Table 1 – Administration of PD medicines to patients with swallowing difficulties

A referral should be made to the PD specialist team and the speech and language therapist for assessment as soon as possible.

Medicine	Formulation	Recommendation
Co-beneldopa (Madopar®)	Dispersible Tablets	Continue - no change required.
	Capsules	Use dispersible tablets.
	Modified Release Capsules	Convert to co-beneldopa dispersible tablets at the same dose. Maintain the same timings and dose.
Co-careldopa (Sinemet®)	Tablets (Standard Release)	Continue current regimen, standard release tablets will disperse in water. For nasogastric tubes switch to dispersible co-beneldopa ensuring the equivalent levodopa dose.
	Modified Release Tablets	Keep the same total daily dose, convert to standard release tablets that will disperse in water. For nasogastric tubes switch to dispersible co-beneldopa ensuring the equivalent levodopa dose.
Ropinirole	Tablets (Standard Release)	Continue current regimen, standard release tablets will disperse in water.
	Modified Release Tablets	Convert to standard release tablets. Convert total daily dose to three times a day regimen.
Pramipexole	Tablets (Standard Release)	Continue current regimen, standard release tablets will disperse in water.
	Modified Release Tablets	Convert to standard release tablets. Convert total daily dose to three times a day regimen.
Entacapone	Tablets	Can be safely withheld during the acute phase until review by the PD specialist team.
Staneq®/Stalevo® (Co-careldopa + Entacapone)	Tablets	Clarify the levodopa quantity in each dose and convert to co-beneldopa dispersible at the same dose and frequency until review by the PD specialist team (see below).
Selegiline	Tablets / Orodispersible Tablets	Selegiline can be safely withheld until review by the PD specialist team.
Rasagiline	Tablets	Rasagiline can be safely withheld until review by the PD specialist team.
Amantadine	Capsules	Amantadine can be safely withheld until review by the PD specialist team.

Closest equivalent doses of Stanek®/ Stalevo® to co-beneldopa dispersible tabs

Stanek®/ Stalevo® (levodopa/carbidopa/entacapone)	Co-beneldopa dispersible tabs
50/12.5/200mg	50/12.5mg
75/18.75/200mg	50/12.5mg
100/25/200mg	100/25mg
125/31.25/200mg	100/25mg
150/37.5/200mg	100/25mg + 50/12.5mg
175/43.75/200mg	100/25mg + 50/12.5mg
200/50/200mg	200mg/50mg