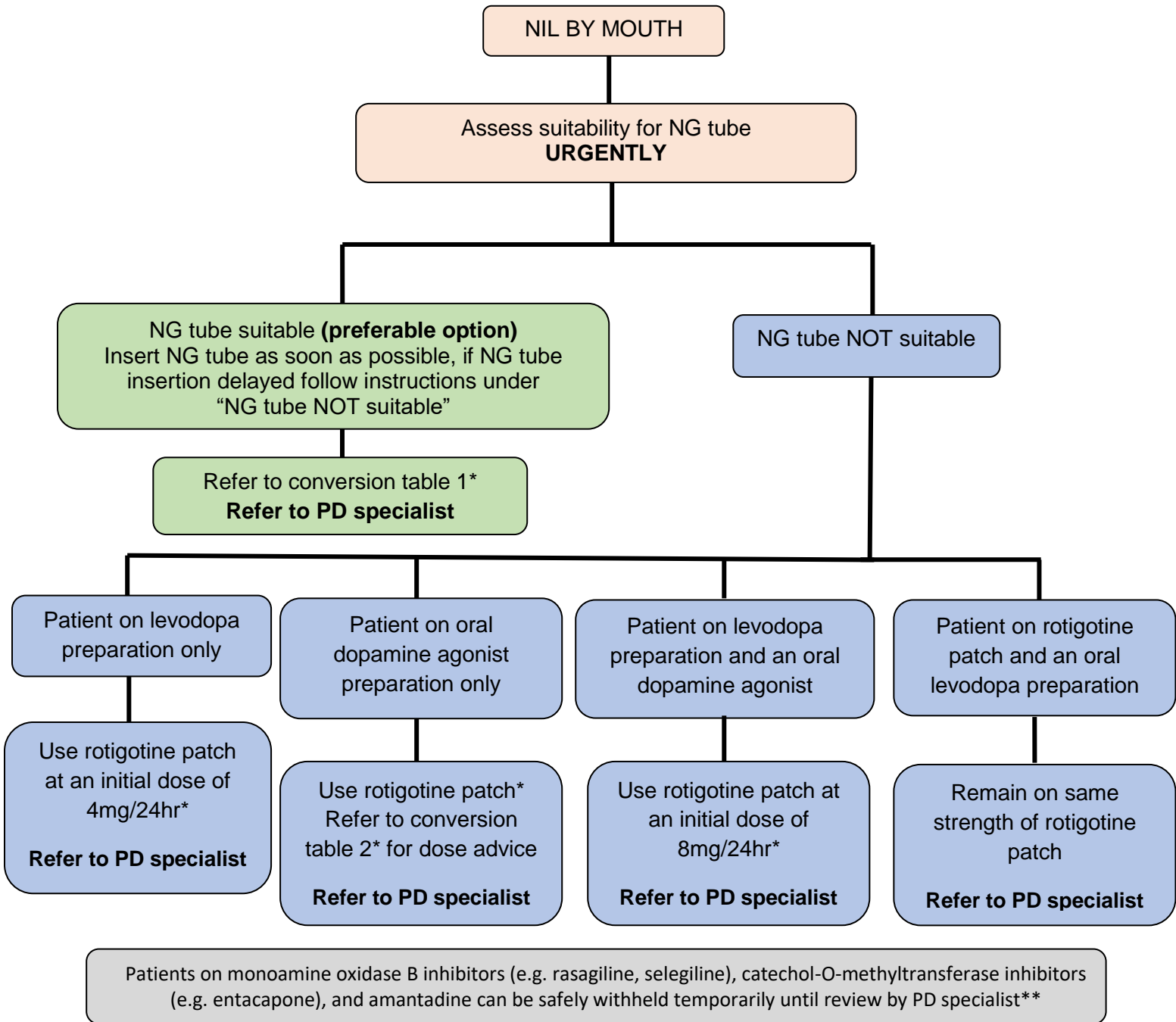


# Parkinson's disease: management of PD patients who are nil-by-mouth

Guidance for converting oral PD medicines to an alternative formulation in the acute setting. Use this guideline **only** as other guidelines and calculators may vary in the dose recommended.

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**Note:** The above conversions to a rotigotine patch (in particular for those patients on levodopa therapy only) may result in an under-estimation of the levodopa equivalent so it is important that a PD specialist is contacted as soon as possible for ongoing advice. The patches are available in 2mg / 4mg / 6mg / 8mg strengths. The maximum dose of rotigotine is 16mg/day. Do **NOT** cut patches to achieve the correct dose.

\*Check for cautions, contraindications and previous adverse effects to dopamine agonists. Monitor for side-effects or lack of benefit and adjust accordingly.

\*\*Document in notes any medicines that are being temporarily withheld and make it clear these have to be restarted if/when swallowing is re-established.