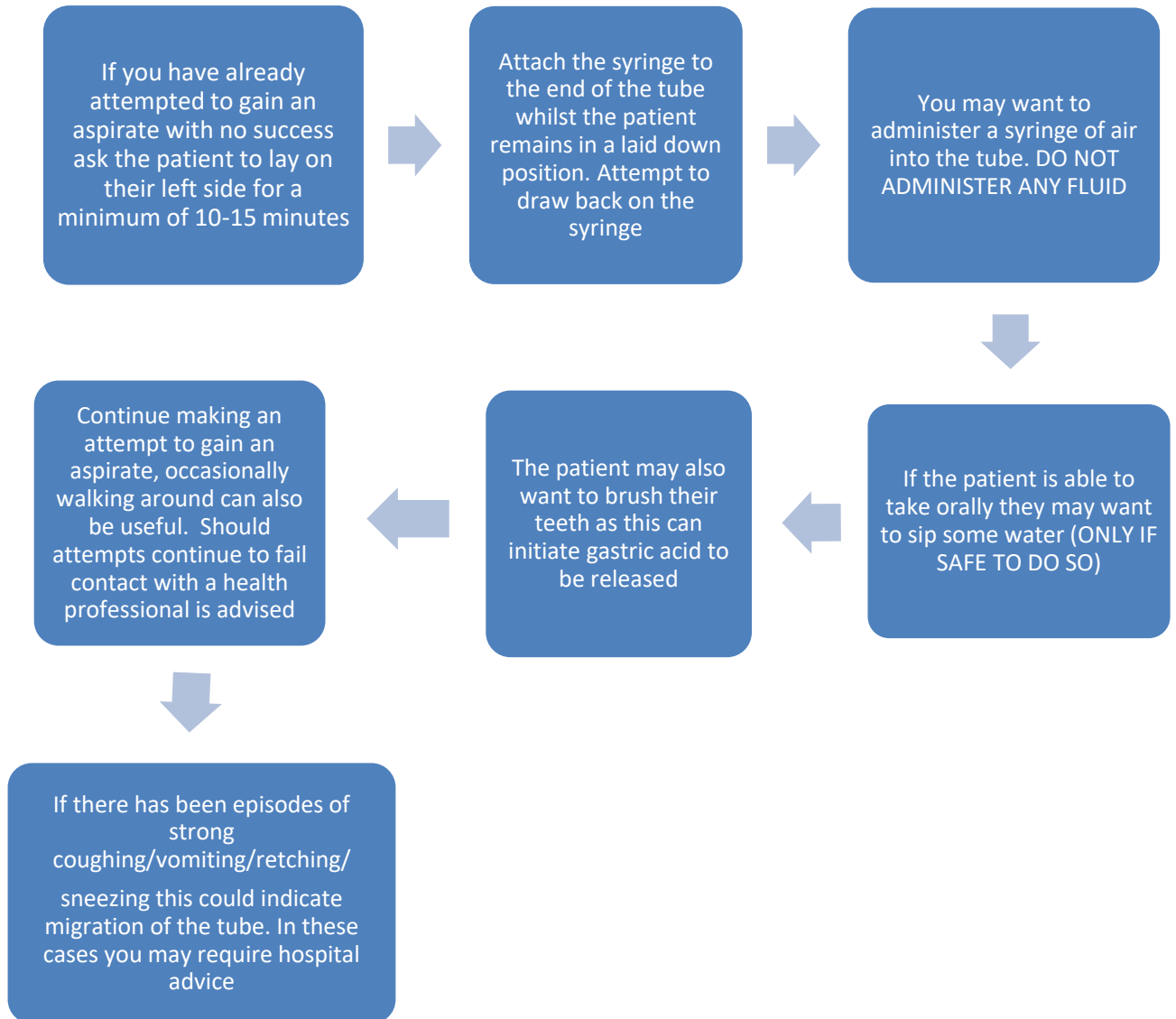


Troubleshooting guide for feeding tubes

Unable to gain an aspirate

When feeding via an NG tube you will have been advised to check the pH of stomach aspirate in order to confirm that the tube remains positioned in the stomach. It is essential this is done prior to administration of feed/medications/water. Sometimes we struggle to gain an aspirate which prevents us from being able to use the tube. The following tips may be helpful in such circumstances



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