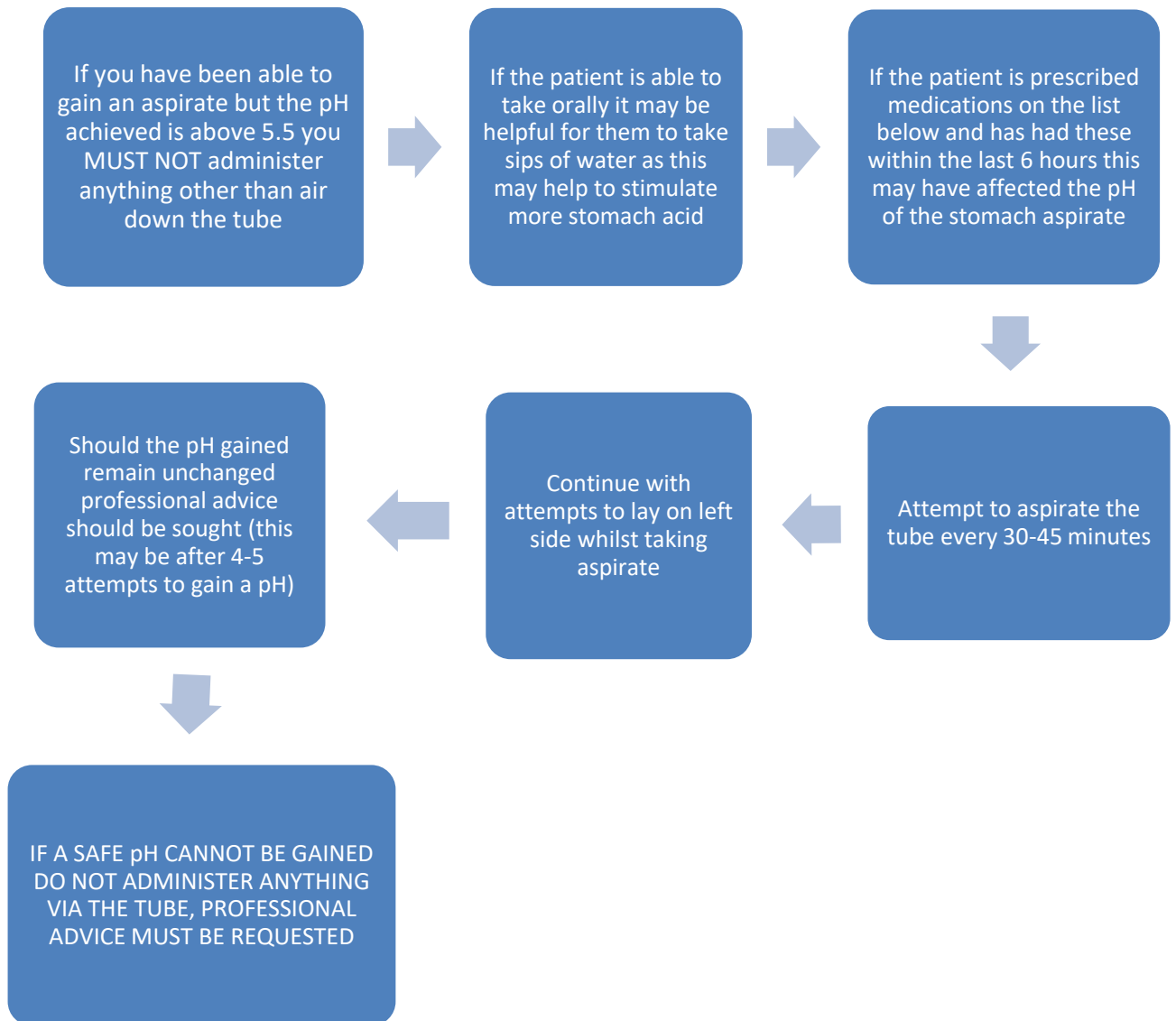


Troubleshooting guide for feeding tubes

The aspirate is above 5.5

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 that prior to administration of feed/medications/water a pH of 5.5 or below is gained. The following tips may be helpful in such circumstances where a safe pH is not gained



Medications that may alter gastric pH

Lansoprazole
Esomeprazole
Omeprazole
Pantoprazole
Rabeprazole
Ranitidine

Famotidine
Gaviscon
Cimetidine

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