

End of life care

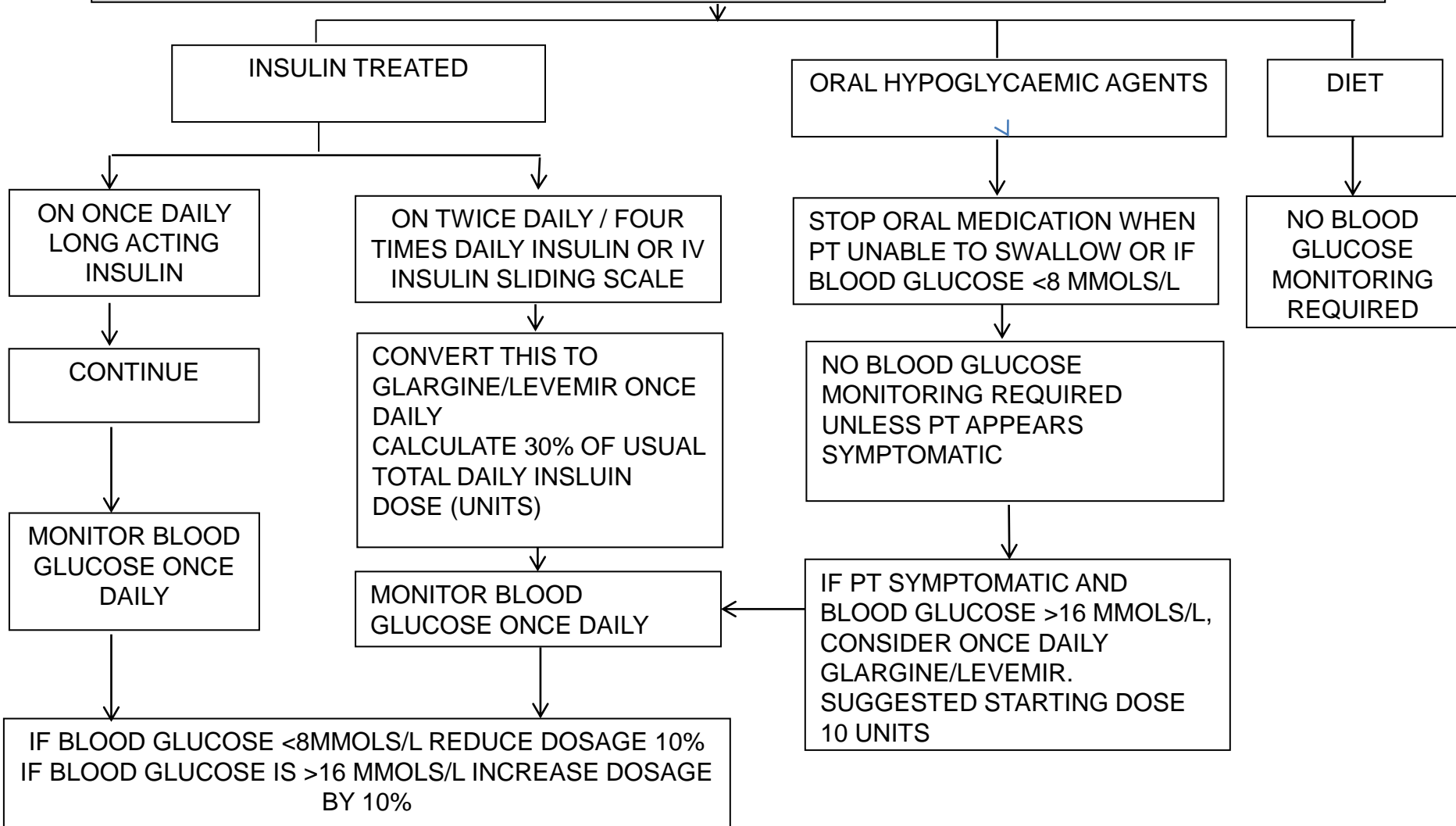
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Questions to consider with end of life care

- Is patient terminal/palliative/end of life – is there a difference re : diabetes management?
- What does the patient and/or family want?
- Does patient have Type 1 or Type 2 diabetes?
- What is patient's normal diabetes medication?
- What is patient's control like now?
- Is patient able to swallow?
- Is patient eating and drinking – if so what?
- Where is the patient?
- Who is able to monitor blood glucose level and administer medication?
- What is aim re diabetes management at this stage?
- What changes, if any, need to be made to diabetes management plan e.g. monitoring, medication?

END OF LIFE DIABETES PATHWAY

Guidelines for the Management of Diabetes Patients in the End of Life Phase



**THE AIM OF DIABETES CARE IS TO ENSURE THE PATIENT IS SYMPTOM FREE.
WHERE POSSIBLE, PATIENTS WISHES SHOULD BE RESPECTED WITH REGARDS TO ALL ASPECTS OF DIABETES
MANAGEMENT.**

PLEASE CONTACT THE PALLIATIVE CARE TEAM OR DIABETES SPECIALIST NURSES FOR ADVICE.