



South East London Area Prescribing Committee:

Primary & Secondary Care Inflammatory Bowel Disease Pathway February 2018

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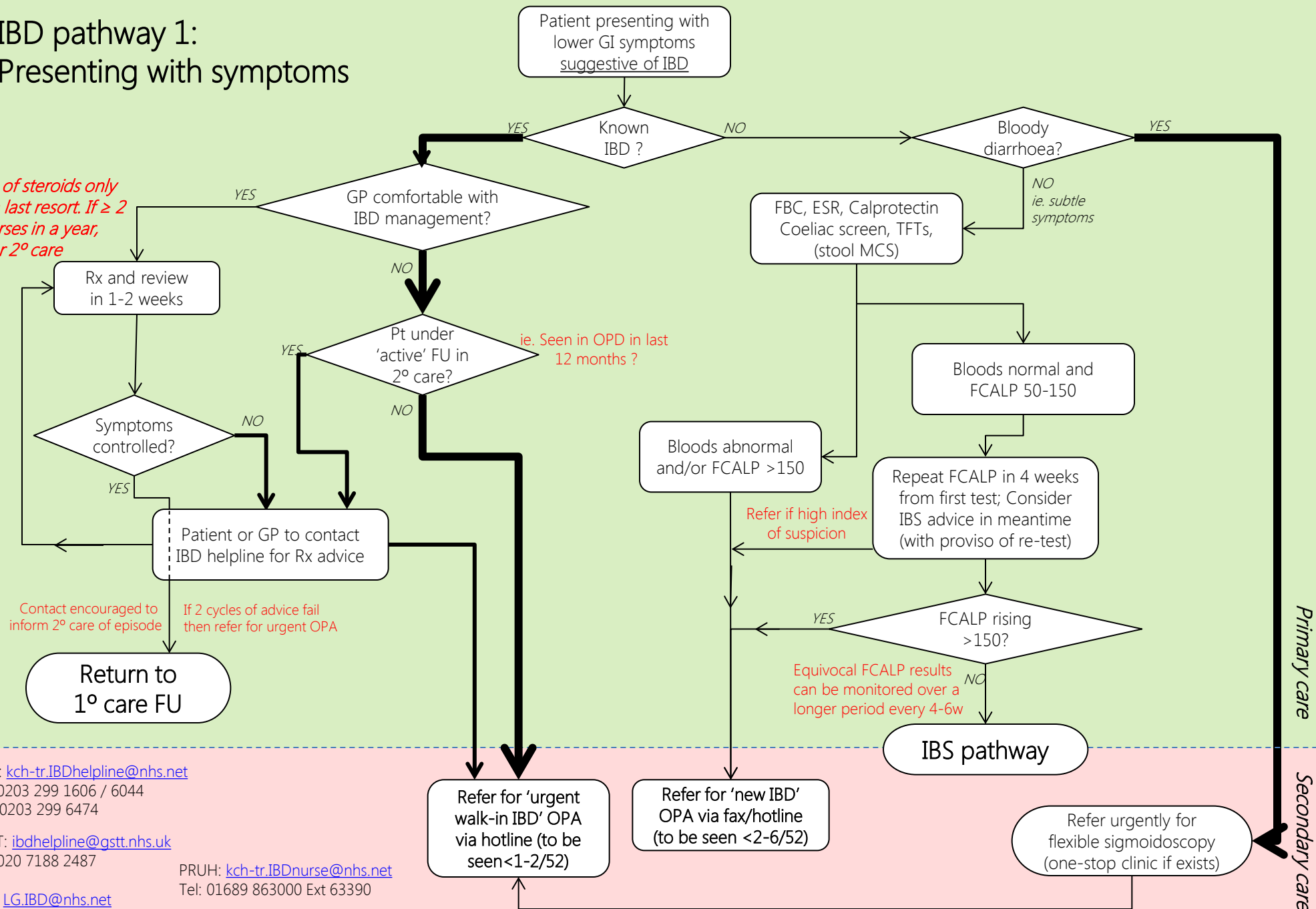
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IBD pathway 1: Presenting with symptoms

Use of steroids only as a last resort. If ≥ 2 courses in a year, refer 2° care



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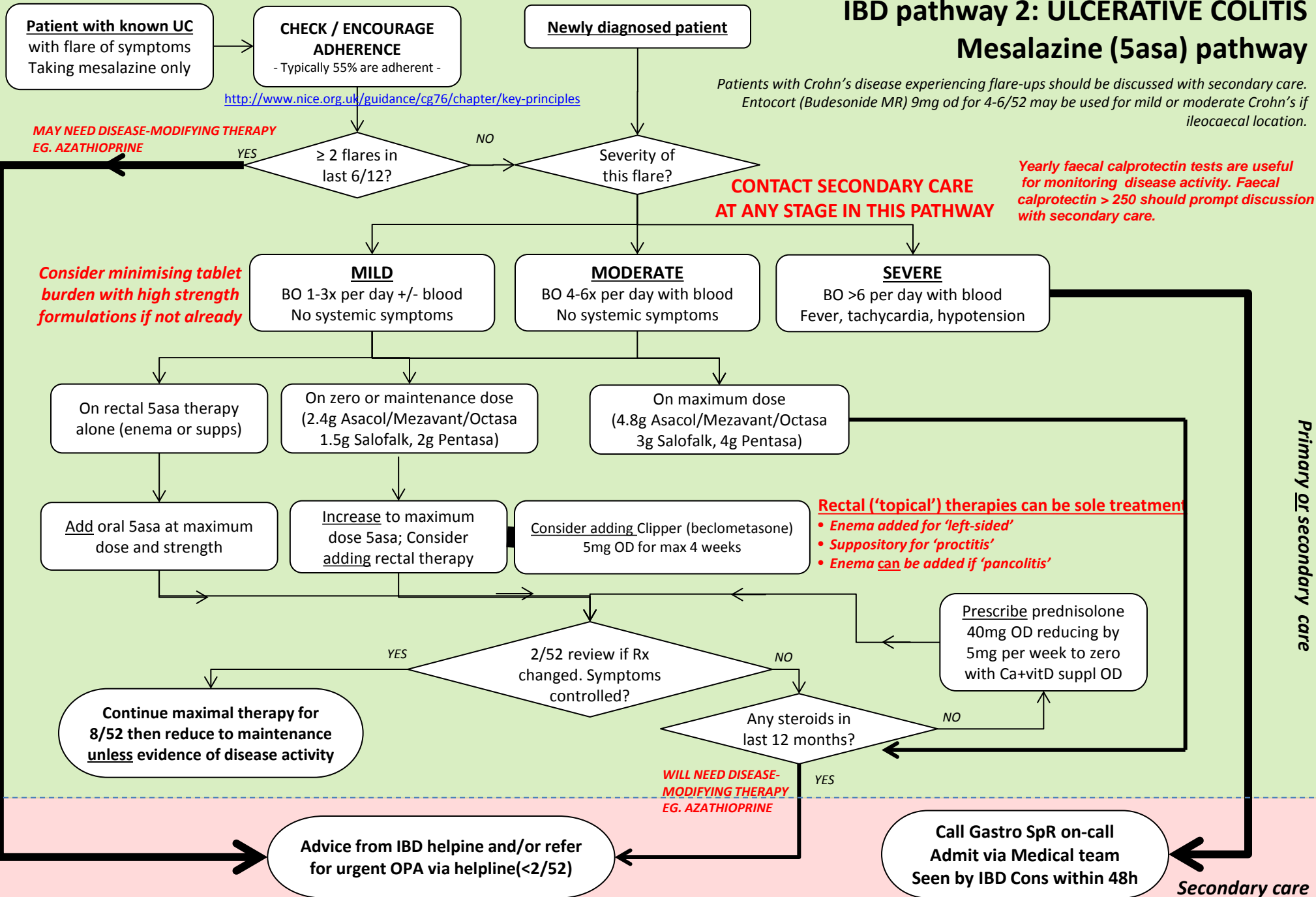
Primary care

Secondary care

IBD pathway 2: ULCERATIVE COLITIS

Mesalazine (5asa) pathway

Patients with Crohn's disease experiencing flare-ups should be discussed with secondary care. Entocort (Budesonide MR) 9mg od for 4-6/52 may be used for mild or moderate Crohn's if ileocaecal location.



MAY NEED DISEASE-MODIFYING THERAPY EG. AZATHIOPRINE

YES

NO

CONTACT SECONDARY CARE AT ANY STAGE IN THIS PATHWAY

Yearly faecal calprotectin tests are useful for monitoring disease activity. Faecal calprotectin > 250 should prompt discussion with secondary care.

Consider minimising tablet burden with high strength formulations if not already

MILD

BO 1-3x per day +/- blood
No systemic symptoms

MODERATE

BO 4-6x per day with blood
No systemic symptoms

SEVERE

BO >6 per day with blood
Fever, tachycardia, hypotension

On rectal 5asa therapy alone (enema or supps)

On zero or maintenance dose (2.4g Asacol/Mezavant/Octasa 1.5g Salofalk, 2g Pentasa)

On maximum dose (4.8g Asacol/Mezavant/Octasa 3g Salofalk, 4g Pentasa)

Add oral 5asa at maximum dose and strength

Increase to maximum dose 5asa; Consider adding rectal therapy

Consider adding Clipper (beclometasone) 5mg OD for max 4 weeks

Rectal ('topical') therapies can be sole treatment

- Enema added for 'left-sided'
- Suppository for 'proctitis'
- Enema can be added if 'pancolitis'

Prescribe prednisolone 40mg OD reducing by 5mg per week to zero with Ca+vitD suppl OD

NO

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WILL NEED DISEASE-MODIFYING THERAPY EG. AZATHIOPRINE

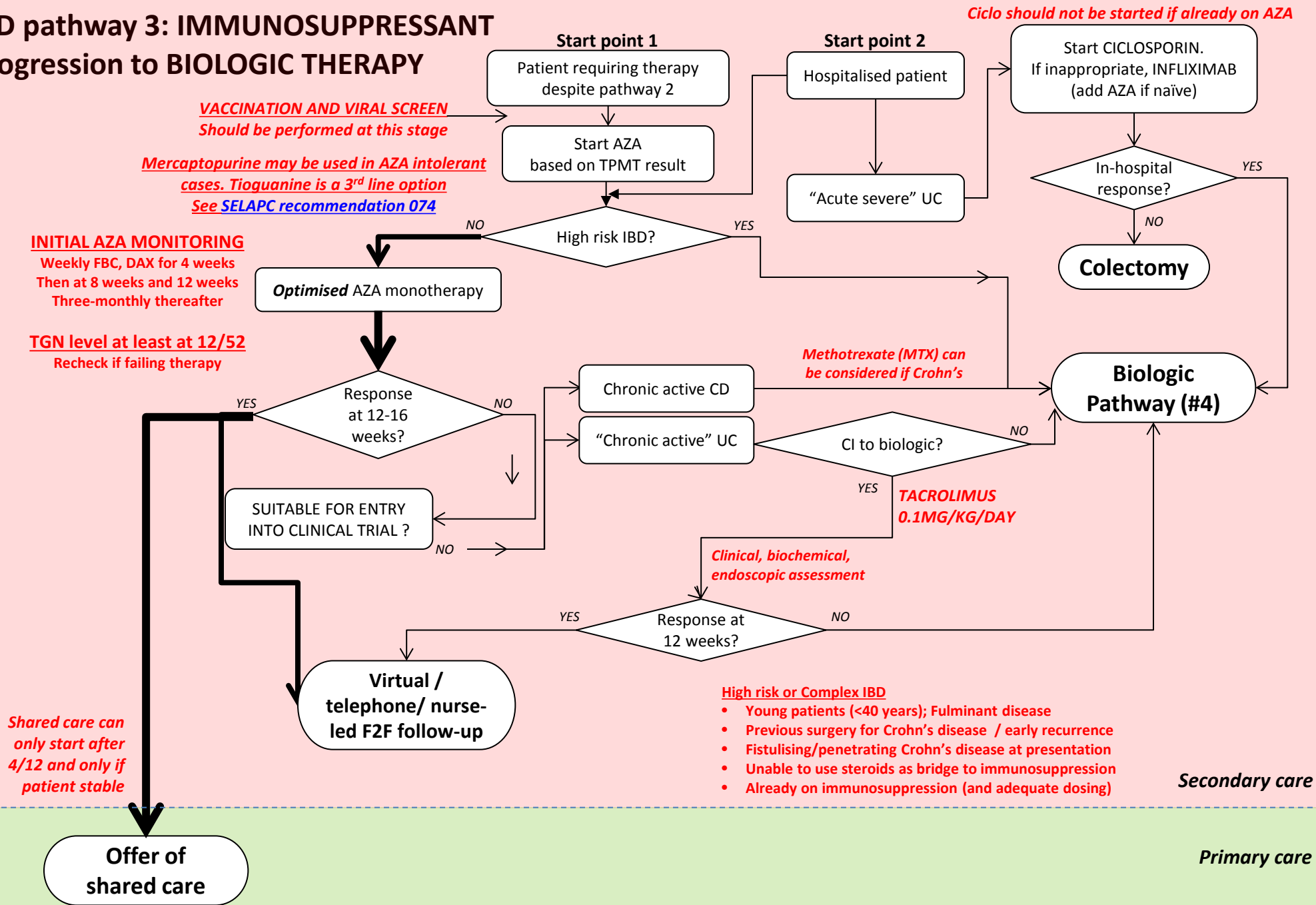
Advice from IBD helpline and/or refer for urgent OPA via helpline (<2/52)

Call Gastro SpR on-call Admit via Medical team Seen by IBD Cons within 48h

Secondary care

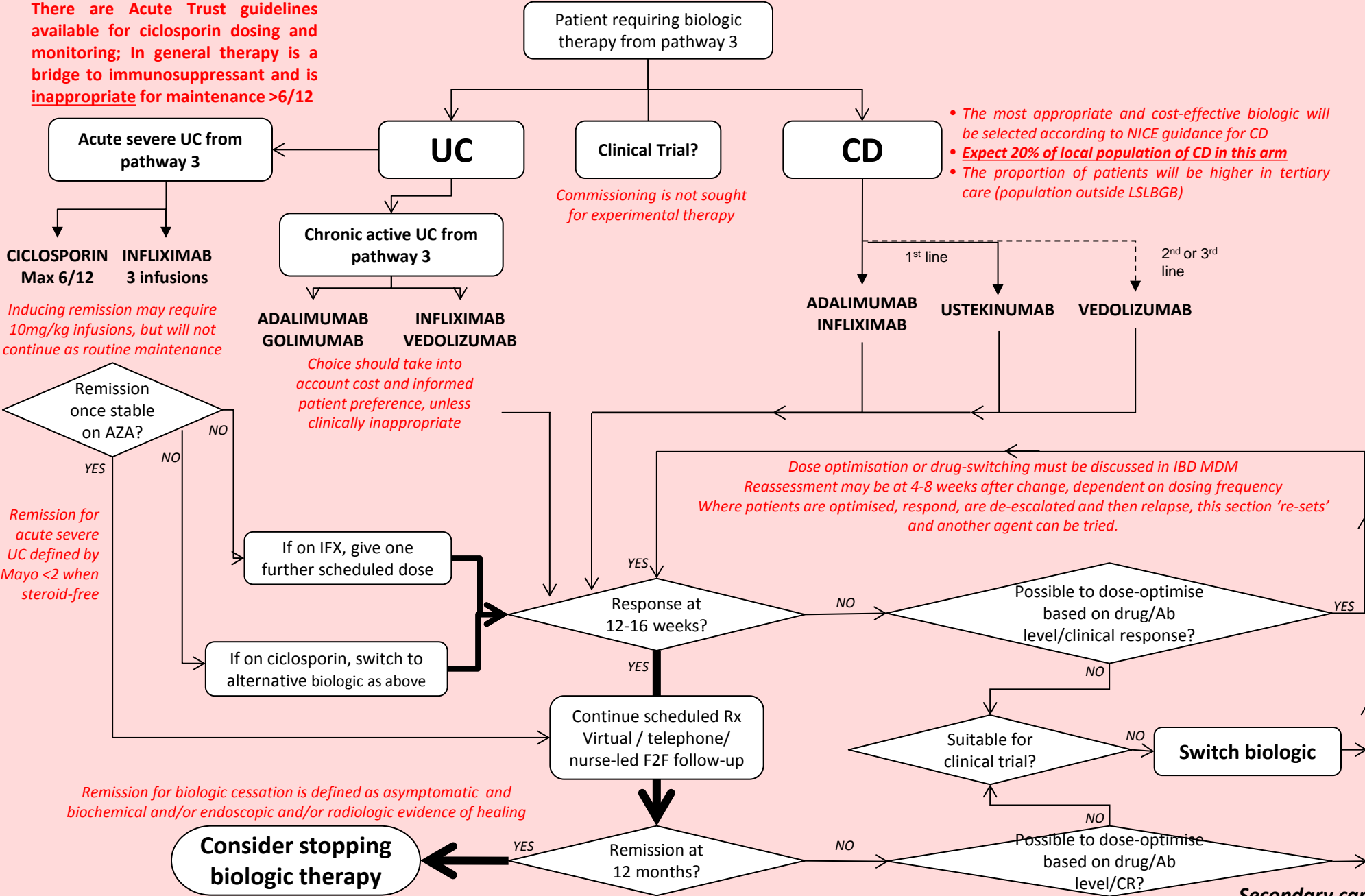
Primary or secondary care

IBD pathway 3: IMMUNOSUPPRESSANT progression to BIOLOGIC THERAPY



IBD pathway 4: BIOLOGIC THERAPY

There are Acute Trust guidelines available for ciclosporin dosing and monitoring; In general therapy is a bridge to immunosuppressant and is inappropriate for maintenance >6/12



- The most appropriate and cost-effective biologic will be selected according to NICE guidance for CD
- **Expect 20% of local population of CD in this arm**
- The proportion of patients will be higher in tertiary care (population outside LSLBGB)

Commissioning is not sought for experimental therapy

Inducing remission may require 10mg/kg infusions, but will not continue as routine maintenance

Remission once stable on AZA?

Remission for acute severe UC defined by Mayo <2 when steroid-free

Remission for biologic cessation is defined as asymptomatic and biochemical and/or endoscopic and/or radiologic evidence of healing

Dose optimisation or drug-switching must be discussed in IBD MDM. Reassessment may be at 4-8 weeks after change, dependent on dosing frequency. Where patients are optimised, respond, are de-escalated and then relapse, this section 're-sets' and another agent can be tried.

Secondary care