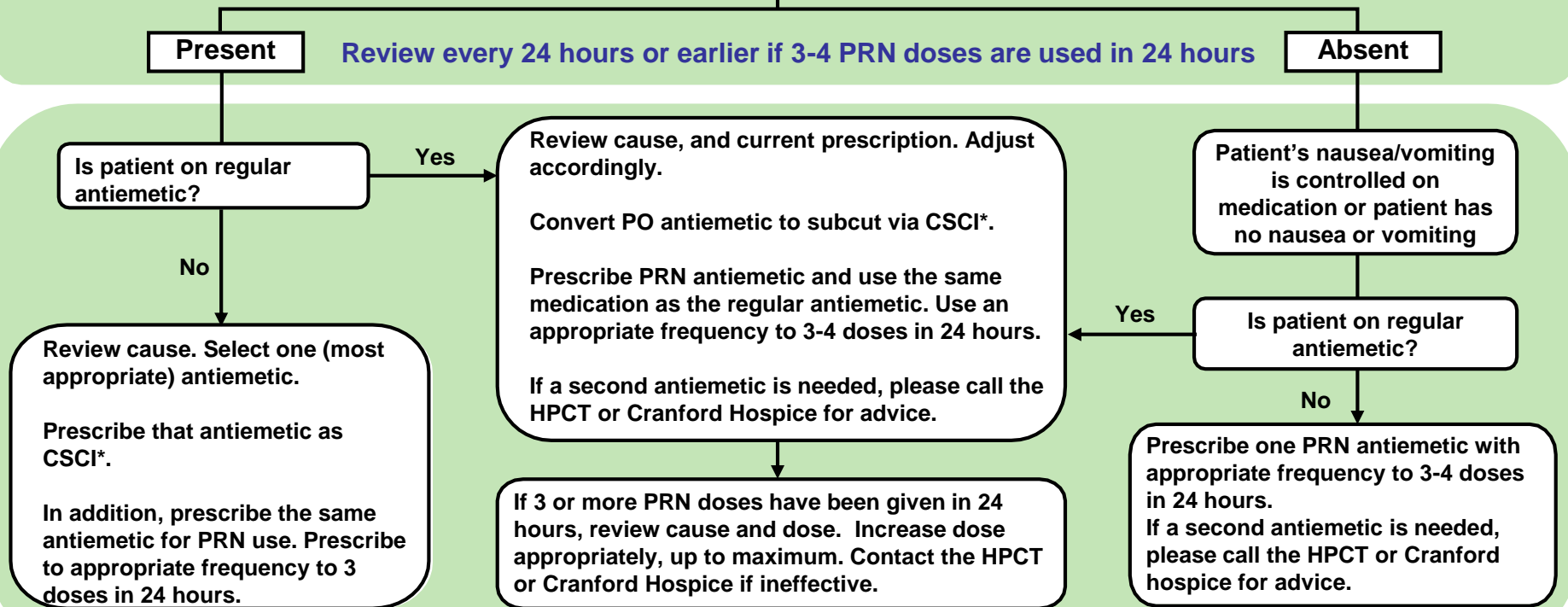


PREScribing GUIDANCE FOR SYMPTOM MANAGEMENT IN THE LAST HOURS OR DAYS OF LIFE

NAUSEA AND/OR VOMITING



*CSCI = continuous subcutaneous infusion

MEDICATION	PRN DOSE	CSCI DOSE	MAX DOSE	ALERT
Haloperidol	0.5 – 1mg subcut Q1H PRN	1-2.5mg subcut/24 hours	5mg subcut/24 hours	Contraindicated in Parkinson's Disease
Metoclopramide	10mg subcut Q4H PRN	30 mg subcut/24 hours	80mg subcut/24 hours	Do NOT use if abdominal colic present. Do not use concurrently with Buscopan.
Cyclizine	25-50mg subcut Q8H PRN	75mg subcut/24 hours	150mg subcut/24 hours	Do not use concurrently with Metoclopramide. Dilute with WFI only.
Levomepromazine (Nozinan)	3.125 – 6.25mg subcut Q2H PRN	6.25mg subcut/24 hours	25mg subcut/24 hours (Titrate dose up cautiously)	'Broad spectrum' and is more sedating than others.

If symptoms persist or for further advice:

Hospital patients: Contact Hospital Palliative Care Team (Weekdays 9am-5pm) Hawke's Bay Soldier's Memorial Hospital.

At other times and for all other patients in the community: Contact Cranford Hospice community doctor (06) 878 7047.