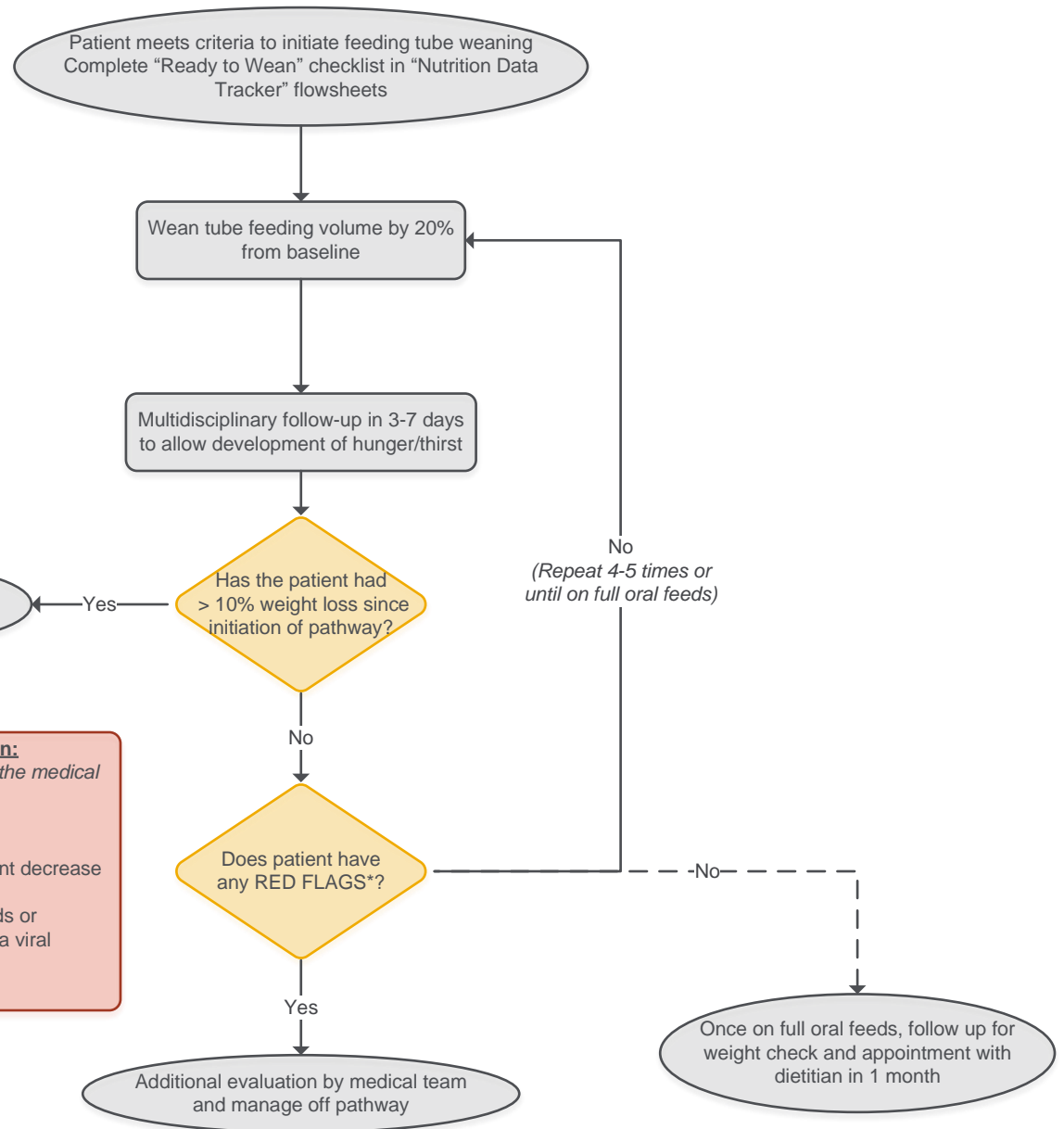


SINGLE VENTRICLE FEEDING TUBE WEANING PATHWAY



***RED FLAGS during the wean:**
should trigger additional evaluation by the medical team

- Weight gain < 25% of expected
- Clinical signs of dehydration
- New vomiting/diarrhea or a significant decrease in wet diapers
- Coughing/choking/gagging with feeds or increased congestion not related to a viral infection
- Unusual fatigue or lethargy

Helpful Hints

- Make sure team members (including caregivers) are comfortable with the pre-work on positive feeding associations and behavioral interventions. *Preparation is the key to success!*
- A structured decrease in tube feedings should increase interest in oral intake (takes 4 or 5 steps).
- It may take several weeks to regain a positive growth trajectory*. We typically monitor for 1 month post last tube use to document weight gain
 - *Patients should be considered to have graduated at 1 month post last tube feed IF they are demonstrating weight gain
- Make a plan ahead of time for how and when to transition medications to PO

Disclaimer: Pathways are intended as a guide for practitioners and do not indicate an exclusive course of treatment nor serve as a standard of medical care. These pathways should be adapted by medical providers, when indicated, based on their professional judgement and taking into account individual patient and family circumstances.