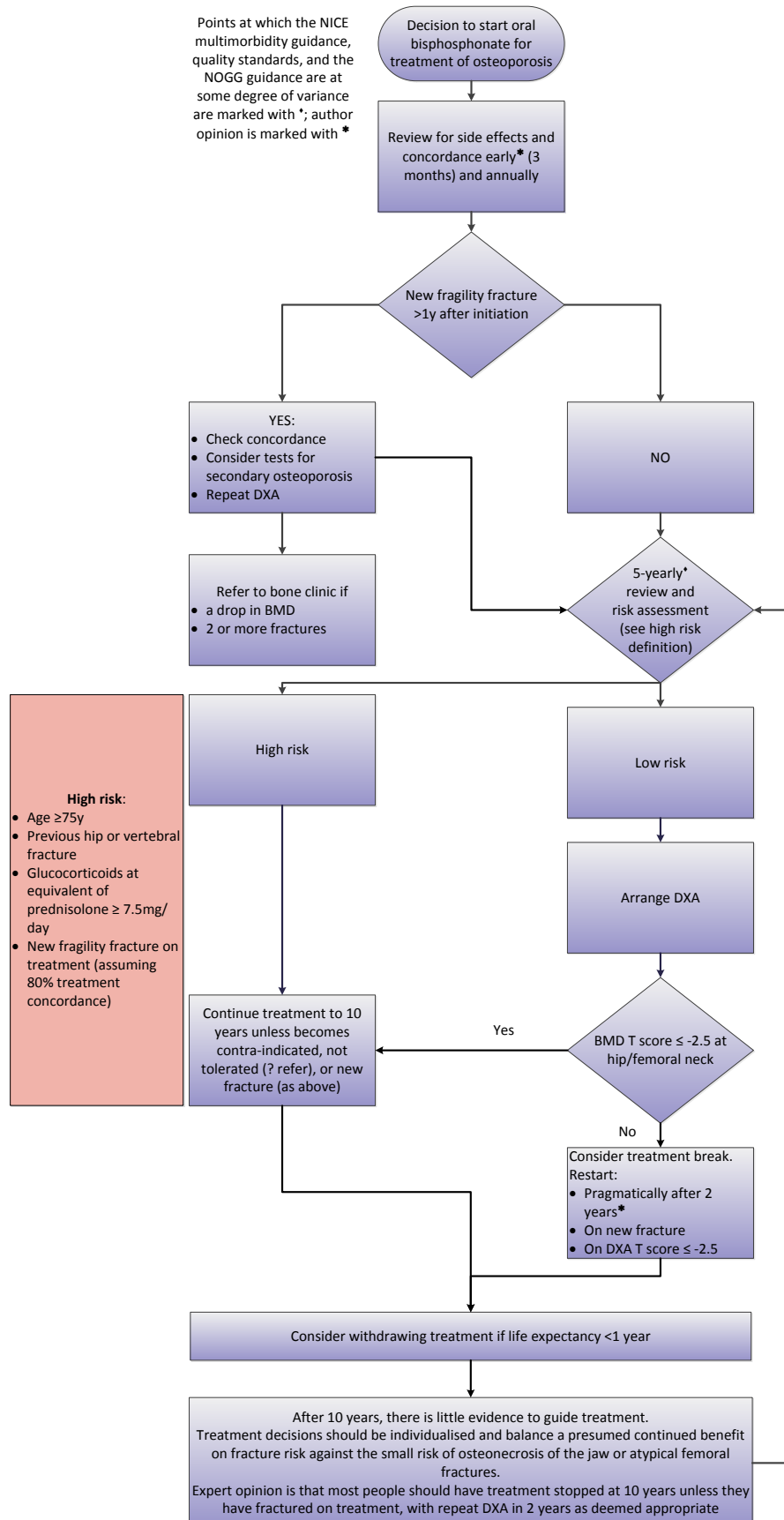


General practice prescription of oral bisphosphonates: review flowchart and operationalisable audit criteria for drug holidays: Version 2, October 2017

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Proposed audit criteria

1. % patients initiated on an oral bisphosphonate with a review at 1 month to assess concordance and side effects
2. % patients prescribed oral bisphosphonates with a medication review in the previous 12 months specifically addressing concordance and side effects
3. % patients prescribed oral bisphosphonates for at least 12 months who have sustained a fracture referred for DXA or to the bone clinic
4. % patients prescribed oral bisphosphonates for 5 years who have a review of treatment continuation and risk assessment
5. % patients at low risk who are offered a bisphosphonate 'holiday'
6. % patients at low risk taking a bisphosphonate holiday who are reassessed at 2 years to consider restarting for a further 5 years
7. % patients at low risk taking a bisphosphonate holiday whose repeat DXA T score is ≤ -2.5 at the hip/femoral neck who restart treatment
8. % patients at high risk who continue oral bisphosphonates to 10 years
9. % patients prescribed oral bisphosphonates for more than 10 years who have a documented review with fracture risk assessment and discussion about potential continuation
10. % patients on the palliative care register who are assessed for oral bisphosphonate deprescribing

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