

PD patient admitted



Swallowing Difficulties?



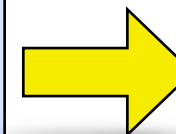
PD-related reasons

- has medication been omitted?
 - ✓ may respond to changes in treatment
 - ✓ don't change things without discussion
- refer for SALT assessment - out of hours, ward staff to assess swallow
- consider:
 - ✓ soluble medication
 - ✓ NGT
 - ✓ rotigotine patch
 - ✓ apomorphine *rarely* appropriate
 - ✓ see link for further guidance*
- minimise and plan 'NBM' periods with the movement disorder team



Don't forget

- patients need medication on time
- even if patients are unable to swallow they still need their medication
- infections are common; look for:
 - ✓ UTI
 - ✓ chest infection
- constipation is a big problem
 - ✓ check the stool chart and treat accordingly
- falls risk is very high
 - ✓ watch out for fractures
 - ✓ refer to physio & OT ([click here](#))
- cognitive impairment in over 50%
 - ✓ high risk of delirium
 - ✓ high mortality



Did you know that many patients with PD can supervise their own drugs when in hospital?

Why not discuss this with them on admission?

Remember the traffic lights

Medication

- right drug?
- right dose?
- right time?

Unable to swallow?

Follow "NBM" protocol

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