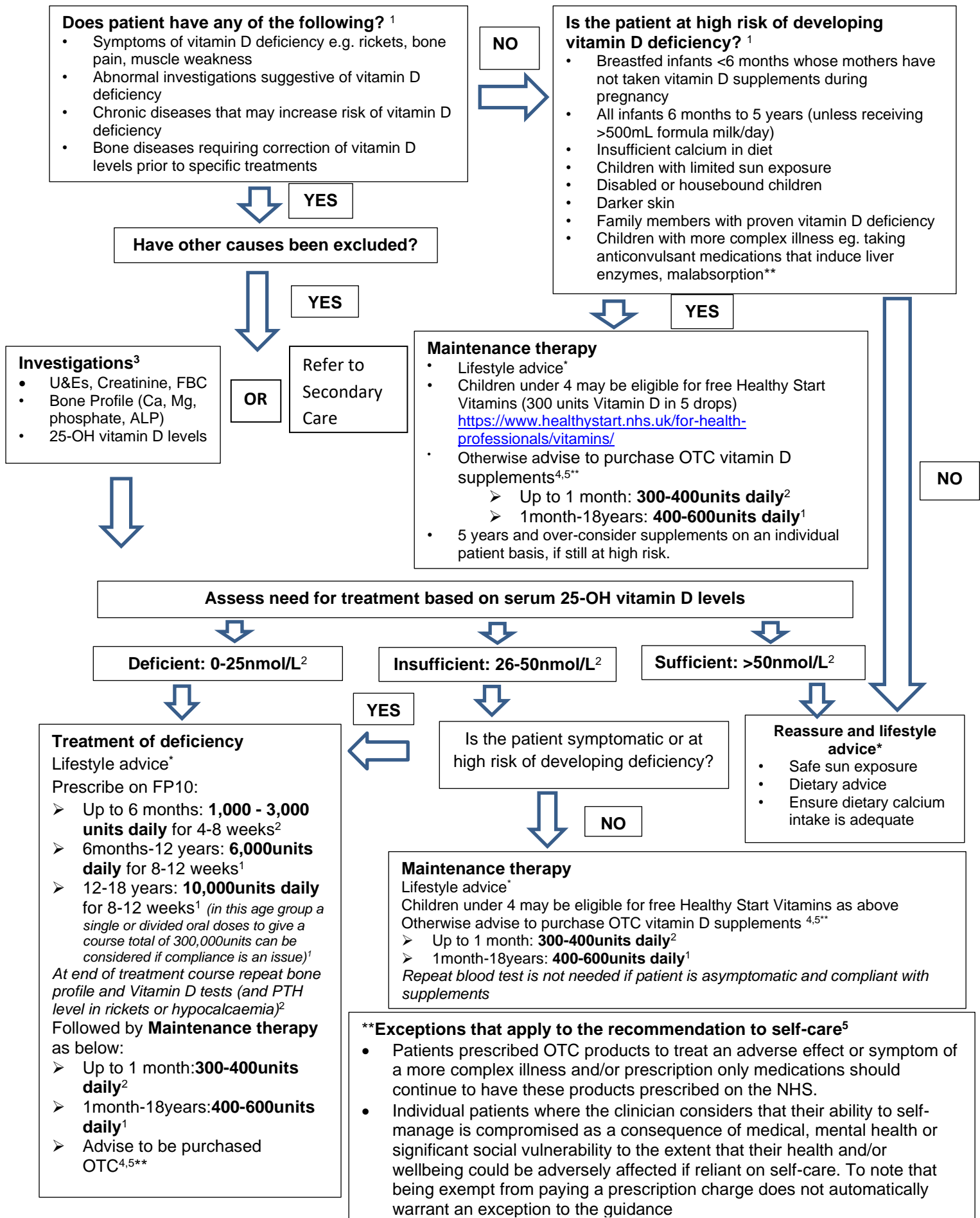


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NHS England recommends that vitamin D maintenance therapy should not routinely be prescribed⁵
 Routine testing of serum 25(OH)D levels is not recommended and should be restricted to children and young people with a clear indication for measurement¹



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Pan Mersey Area Prescribing Committee recommendations: [COLECALCIFEROL licensed oral products](#)

The Pan Mersey Area Prescribing Committee recommends that, wherever possible, an oral colecalciferol product that is a licensed medicine, within its licensed indications, should be prescribed. Where this is not possible, a licensed medicine used outside its licensed indications i.e. “off-label” should be prescribed.

Currently available licensed medicines include those listed below. For full details see the relevant Summary of Product Characteristics available: [Electronic Medicines Compendium \(eMC\)](#)

Please note:

- Abidec and Dalivit drops provide 400 units Vitamin D in 0.6ml
- Healthy Start Vitamins provide 300 units Vitamin D in 5 drops

Children 0-18 years

- **Treatment and Prevention**
 - Colecalciferol 25,000 units in 1ml oral solution unit dose ampoules
 - Colecalciferol 10,000 units in 1ml oral drops (200 units in 1 drop)
 - Colecalciferol 2,740 units in 1ml oral drops (400 units in 6 drops)
- **Prevention**
 - Colecalciferol 2,400 units in 1ml oral drops (400 units in 6 drops)

Children over 12

- **Treatment and prevention**
 - Colecalciferol 25,000 units tablets
 - Colecalciferol 1,000 units tablets
 - Colecalciferol 20,000 units capsules
 - Colecalciferol 800 units capsules

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