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Respiratory pathway for Motor Neurone Disease

Motor Neurone Disease (MND) results from the progressive loss of motor neurones in the brain and spinal cord. These are the nerve cells that control movement. It leads to muscle weakness and can cause difficulties with movement, breathing, swallowing and speaking.

This respiratory pathway has been developed to support health and social care professionals involved in the care of people with MND. It provides an overview of key points for assessment, referral and management across the disease trajectory, from diagnosis through to end of life.

The pathway is based on the NICE guideline on MND (NG42), and is intended to support coordinated, multidisciplinary care.



Information to share with people with or affected by MND:

Information sheet 8A – Support for breathing problems

Information sheet 8B – Ventilation for motor neurone disease

Information sheet 8C – Withdrawal of ventilation with MND

Information sheet 8D – Air travel and ventilation for motor neurone disease

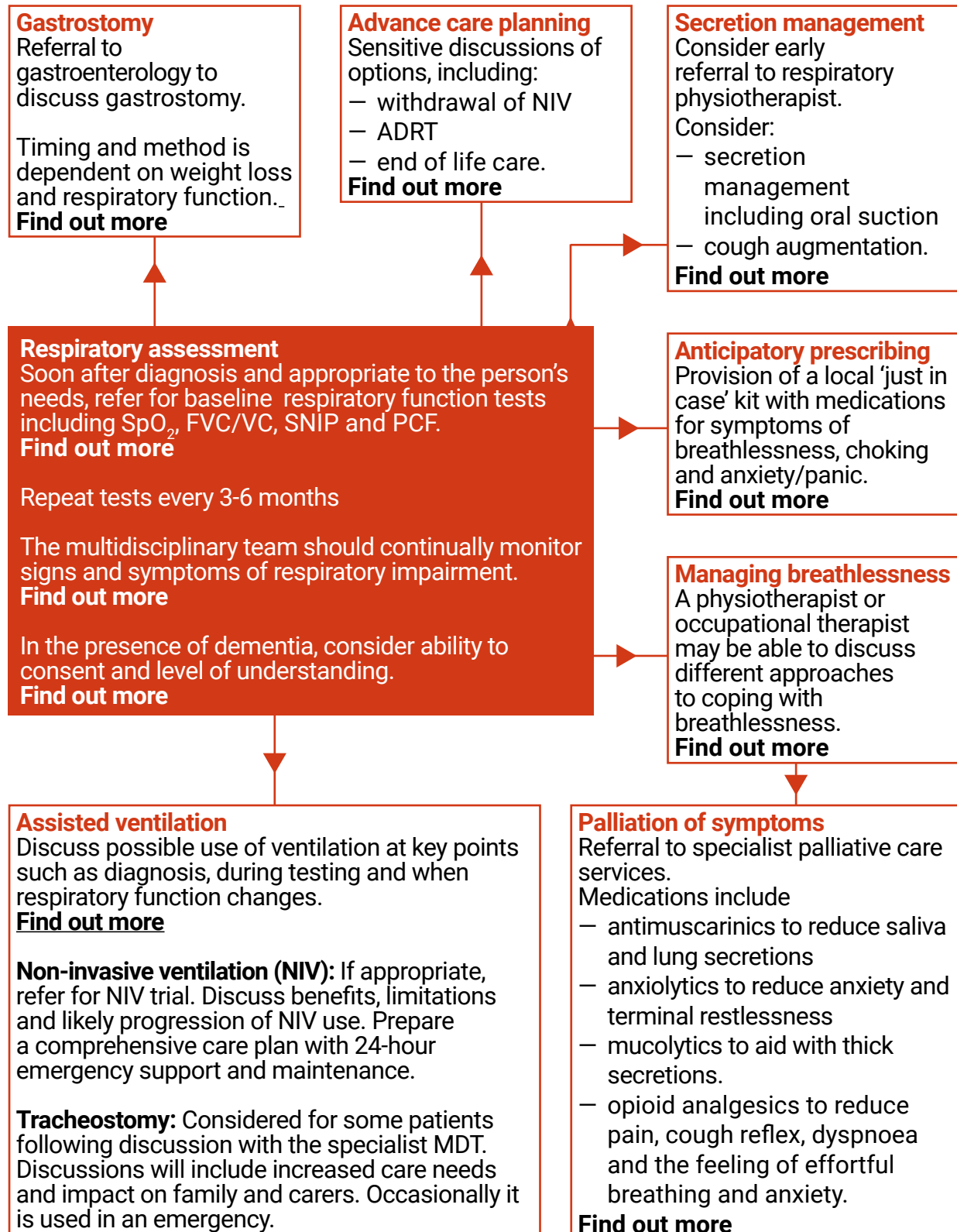
Information for professionals:

Information sheet P6 – Managing respiratory symptoms in MND

See page 26 to order publications.

MND Respiratory Pathway¹

The MND Respiratory Pathway below is not intended to be exhaustive, but to provide a quick reference to support professionals to ensure they have considered all areas of need. This pathway is interactive: if you're viewing online, click 'find out more' to view further details.



How we can support you and your team

Our MND Connect helpline offers practical and emotional support, information and signposting to people with MND, carers, family and professionals. They can also provide further information about our services mentioned below.

Email: mndconnect@mndassociation.org

Phone: **0808 802 6262**

MND Association website

Our website offers supporting information on MND, our work, services, and how to get involved.
mndassociation.org/professionals

Stay updated on events, publications and opportunities for professionals.
mndassociation.org/educationupdate
X: **[mndeducation](https://twitter.com/mndeducation)**
Bluesky: **[mndeducation.bsky.social](https://bsky.app/profile/mndeducation.bsky.social)**

Information resources

We produce high quality information for people with MND, carers, families and professionals, available in multiple formats and languages.
mndassociation.org/pro-info-finder
mndassociation.org/careinfofinder

Education

Our education programme aims to improve standards of care and quality of life. Opportunities include webinars and face to face equipment training.
mndassociation.org/education

MND Professionals' Community of Practice

A peer led group supporting cross disciplinary learning in MND care. Membership can contribute to CPD and offers access to networking and learning events.
mndassociation.org/cop

Local support

We offer online and local peer support, plus trained volunteers who provide practical help by phone, email or visits.
mndassociation.org/local-support

We fund and develop specialist care centres and networks across England, Wales and Northern Ireland, offering multidisciplinary care.
mndassociation.org/care-centres

Financial support

We offer a range of grants to support people living with MND, their families and unpaid carers. These are not in place of any statutory funding that should be available.
mndassociation.org/getting-support

MND register

The Register aims to collect information about everyone with MND in England, Wales and Northern Ireland to support care planning and research.
mndregister.ac.uk

Research into MND

We fund and promote research that leads to new understanding and treatments, and brings us closer to a cure for MND. We also produce information sheets on MND research for people with or affected by MND.
mndassociation.org/research

References

1. NICE guideline NG42. 'Motor neurone disease: assessment and management.' 2016

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We value your feedback

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If you would like to help us by reviewing future versions of our information resources, please email us at education@mndassociation.org.

How to order our publications

Our publications are free for anyone with or affected by MND or Kennedy's disease, including professionals. Health and social care professionals can also order items on behalf of someone with or affected by MND or Kennedy's disease.

Download from mndassociation.org/publications or contact MND Connect to order hard copies. Call 0808 802 6262 or email mndconnect@mndassociation.org.

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Because with MND, every day matters.**