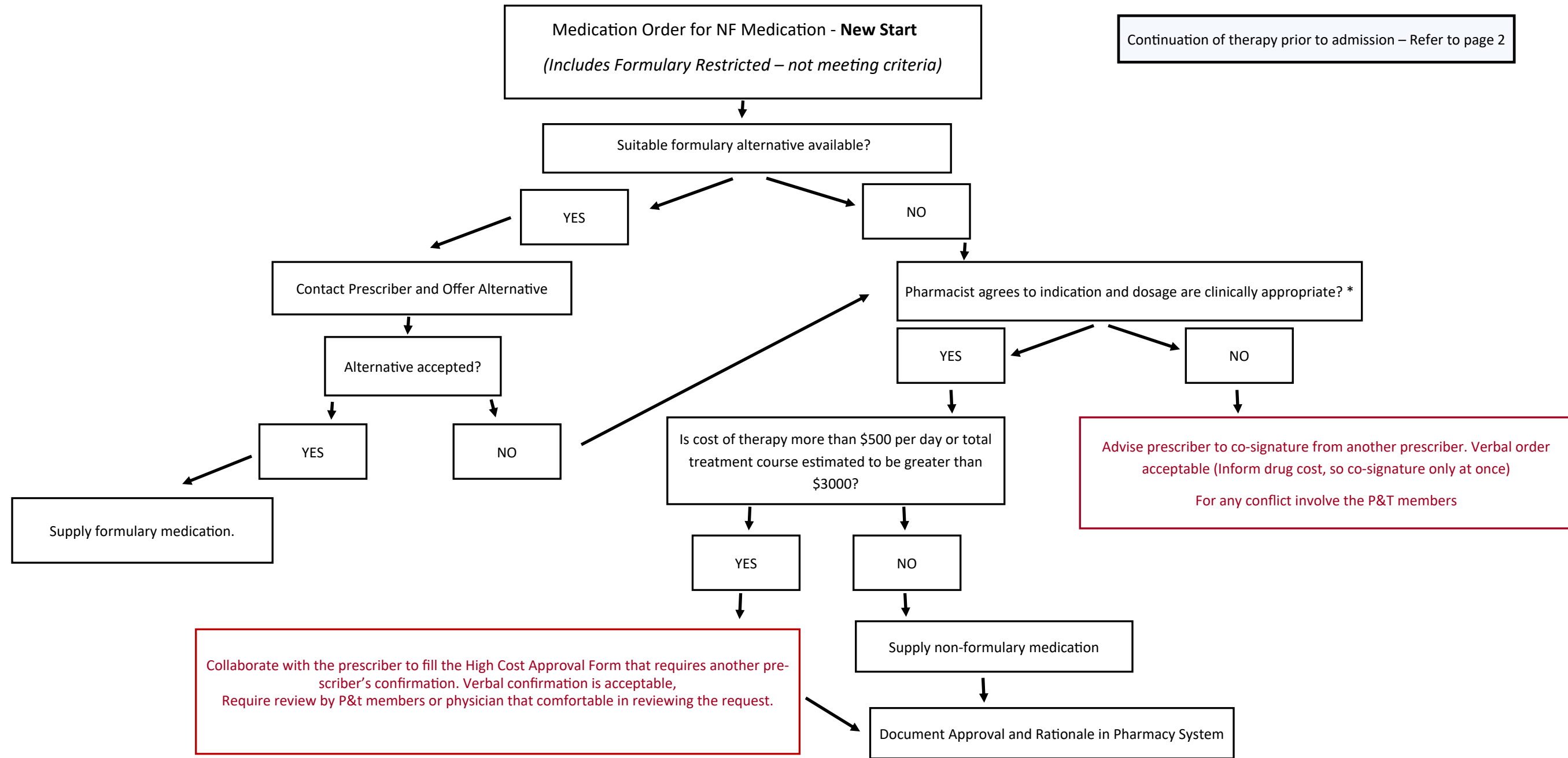


Process for Handling Non-Formulary (NF) Medication Orders – Flow Chart

Check Formulary Status ([SHSS Formulary](#))



Important Considerations:

- ◇ Use clinical judgment to assess appropriateness, efficacy and safety (contraindications, drug interactions, adverse effects) based on available evidence (including evidence provided by prescriber). This may include discussion with other Pharmacists if needed.
- ◇ If considered controversial – refer prescriber to the Chief of Staff or CMO or delegate.
- ◇ Consider feasibility post-discharge (New starts)
 - Is it covered by Pharmacare/Insurance/NIHB?
- ◇ Need urgently?
 - NF drugs may require 1 to 5 business days to obtain

Handling/Storage/Repackaging/Dispensing:

- Does it need to be refrigerated?
- Narcotic/controlled drug?
- Does the drug require a MSDS sheet? (required for chemical compounds)
- Is it a non-cytotoxic or cytotoxic hazardous material? Check [Hazardous Medication List](#)
- If not on Hazardous Medication List, use [Algorithm for Safe Handling of New Drugs](#)

Oral medications on Cancer Care Manitoba Formulary [Home Cancer Drug program] should be supplied by inpatient facility (stock may be obtained from CCMB pharmacy if available). New starts in hospital need to follow the CCMB formulary process for outpatient coverage. N.B. There is no deductible. Further info in Pharmacy DI Database [Search terms: CANCER DRUGS, ONCOLOGY DRUGS, Date: 29-APR-2015]

This process does not apply to complementary/alternative medications without a natural product number (NPN).

