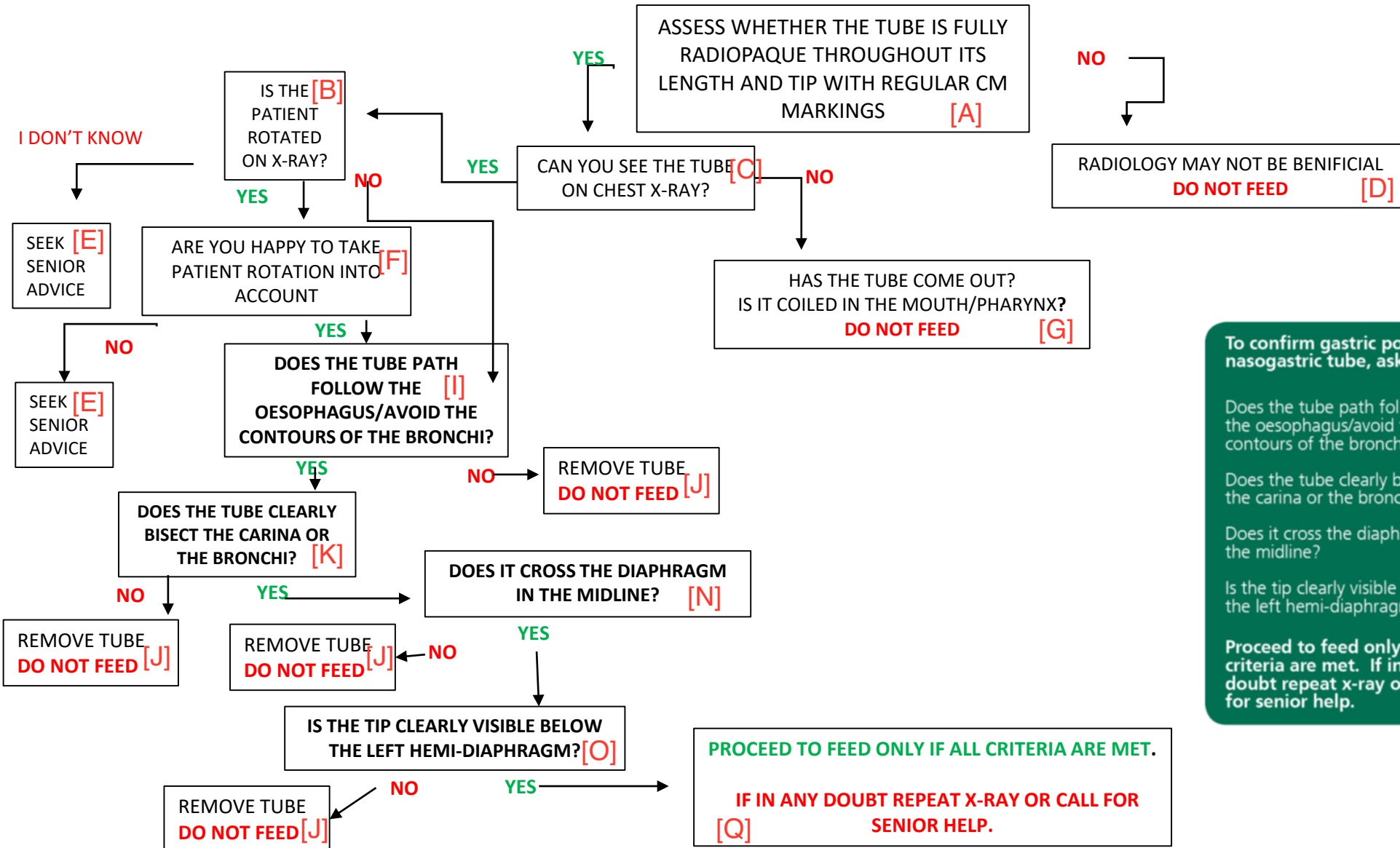


If using NGT tube with a guidewire or introducer, leave guidewire in place until x-ray taken to improve tube visibility but remove and dispose of after correct position confirmed and documented.

- Put NOTHING down the tube before x-ray interpreted (not even water to release the guidewire).
- X-ray should be interpreted by person competent in the 'four criteria.'



To confirm gastric position of the nasogastric tube, ask:

Does the tube path follow the oesophagus/avoid the contours of the bronchi?

Does the tube clearly bisect the carina or the bronchi?

Does it cross the diaphragm in the midline?

Is the tip clearly visible below the left hemi-diaphragm?

Proceed to feed only if all criteria are met. If in any doubt repeat x-ray or call for senior help.

