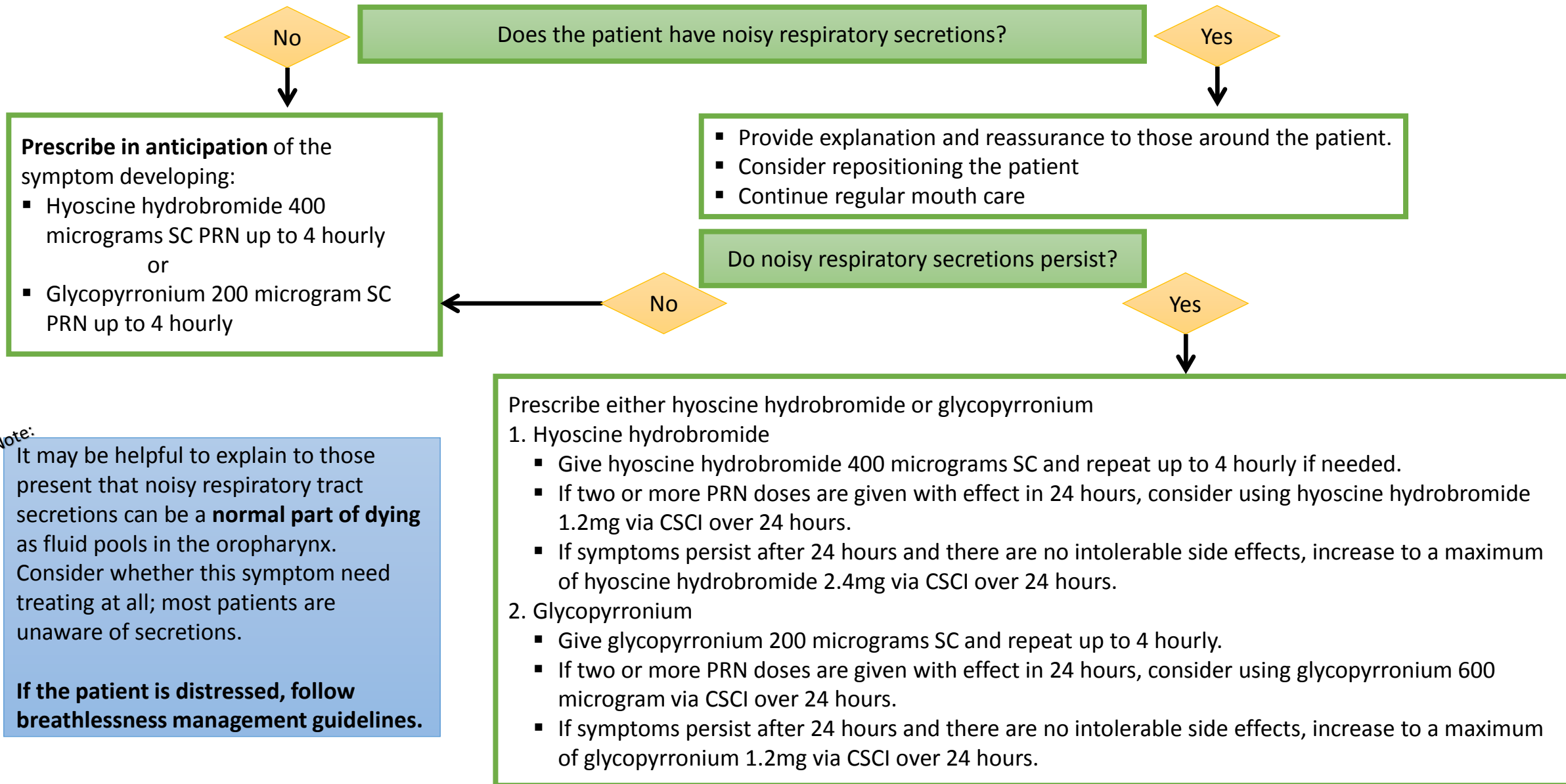


# The management of noisy respiratory secretions ('rattle') in the last days of life



**Note:**  
It may be helpful to explain to those present that noisy respiratory tract secretions can be a **normal part of dying** as fluid pools in the oropharynx. Consider whether this symptom need treating at all; most patients are unaware of secretions.  
  
**If the patient is distressed, follow breathlessness management guidelines.**