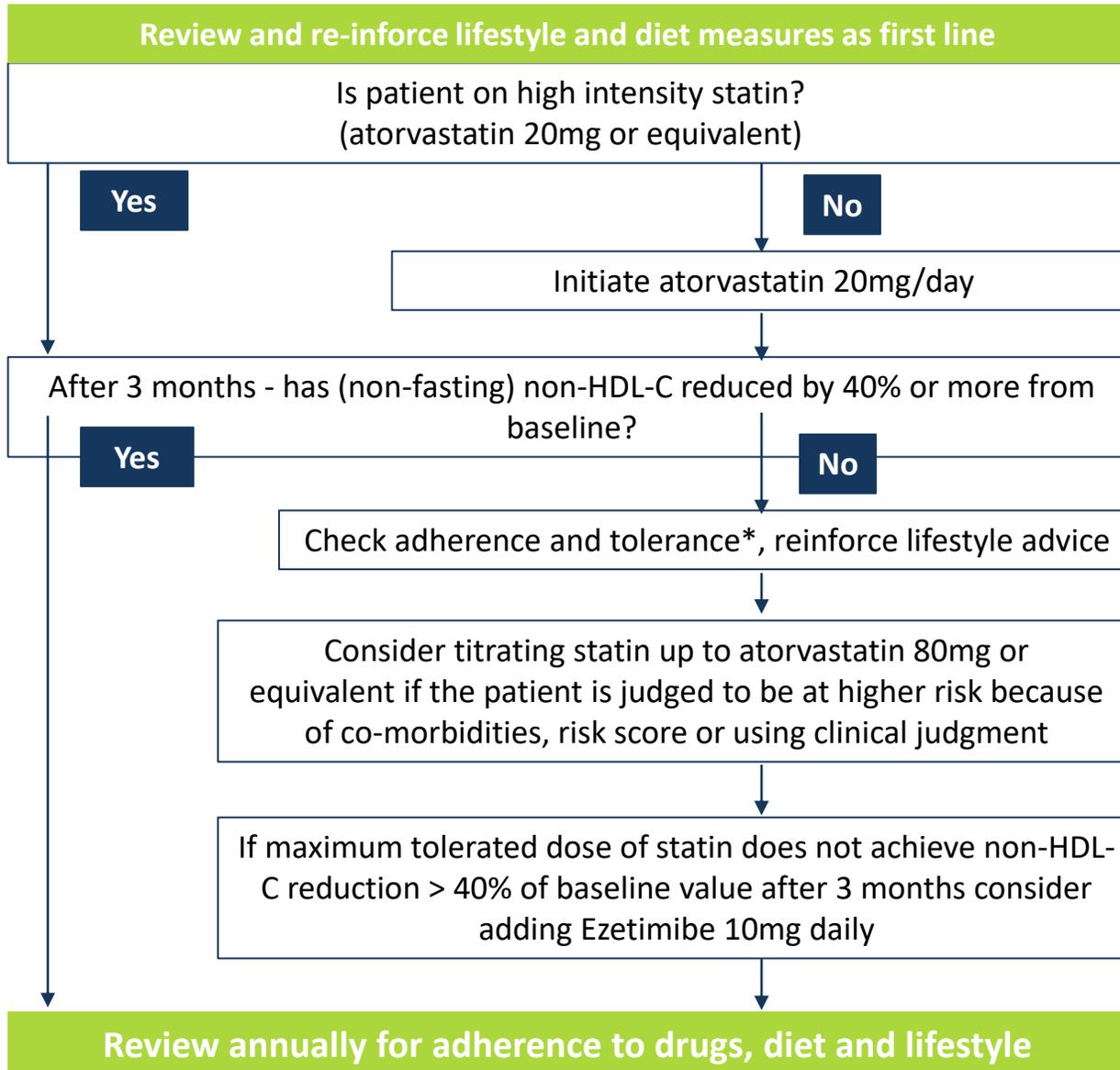


# Optimisation Pathway for Primary Prevention



Optimal High Intensity statin for Primary Prevention  
(High intensity statins are substantially more effective at preventing cardiovascular events than low/medium intensity statins)

Atorvastatin	20mg
Rosuvastatin	10mg

\* If statin not tolerated, follow [statin intolerance pathway](#) and consider ezetimibe 10mg daily +/- [bempedoic acid](#) 180mg daily (or [bempedoic acid monotherapy if patient is intolerant to both statins and ezetimibe.](#))

Further information on management for patients with chronic kidney disease (CKD) is available in the [NHS AAC lipid management guidance](#)

# Statin Intensity Table – NICE recommends Atorvastatin and Rosuvastatin as First Line

Approximate Reduction in LDL-C					
Statin dose mg/day	5	10	20	40	80
Pravastatin		20%	24%	29%	
Simvastatin		27%	32%	37%	42%
Atorvastatin		37%	43%	49%	55%
Rosuvastatin	38%	43%	48%	53%	
Atorvastatin + Ezetimibe 10mg		52%	54%	57%	61%

- Low/moderate intensity statins** will produce an LDL-C reduction of 20-30%
- Medium intensity statins** will produce an LDL-C reduction of 31-40%
- High intensity statins** will produce an LDL-C reduction above 40%
- Simvastatin 80mg** is not recommended due to risk of muscle toxicity