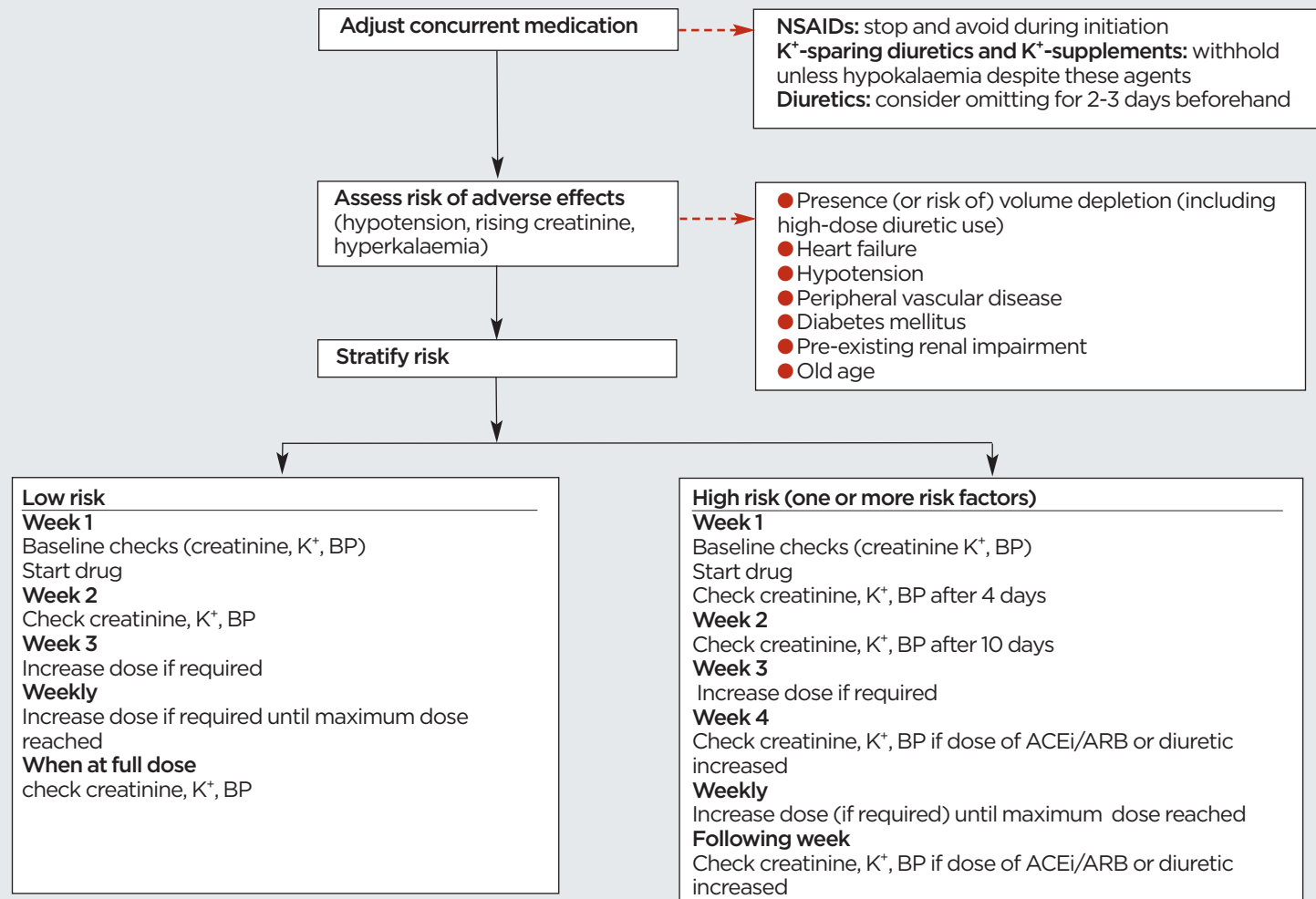


**Figure 2****Algorithm for initiation of renin-angiotensin system inhibition****Response to results of monitoring blood tests**

<b>Change in renal function</b>	creatinine rise >20% over baseline eGFR fall >15% over baseline	Stop ACEi/ARB. Refer to nephrologist
<b>Change in serum K<sup>+</sup></b>	K <sup>+</sup> 5-5.5	Recheck in 7 days
	K <sup>+</sup> 5.6-6	Stop ACEi/ARB and recheck in 7 days
	K <sup>+</sup> 6.1-6.5	Stop ACEi/ARB and recheck immediately
	K <sup>+</sup> >6.5	Stop ACEi/ARB and recheck urgently*

\*Seek hospital attention if values likely/proven to be real i.e. not haemolysed

N.B. under certain circumstances, dietary modification, stopping other medications and stable but modestly elevated serum K<sup>+</sup> levels may be acceptable

N.B. consider additional testing of renal function and serum creatinine, or temporarily stopping ACEi/ARB, if the patient develops a severe intercurrent illness, particularly if there is a risk of hypovolaemia