

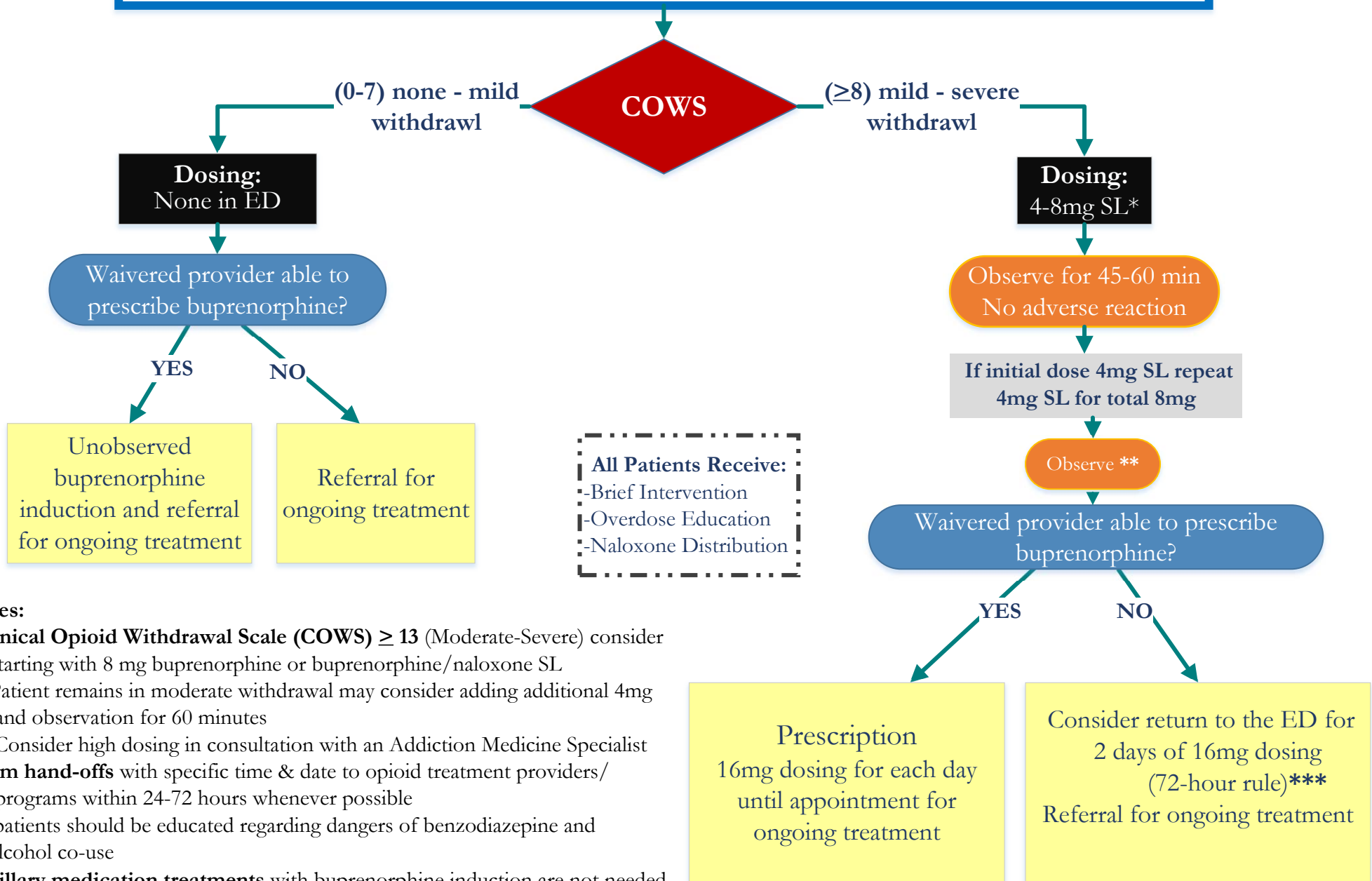
ED-Initiated Buprenorphine

Diagnosis of Moderate to Severe Opioid Use Disorder

Assess for opioid type and last use

Patients taking methadone may have withdrawal reactions to buprenorphine up to 72 hours after last use

Consider consultation before starting buprenorphine in these patients



Notes:

***Clinical Opioid Withdrawal Scale (COWS) ≥ 13** (Moderate-Severe) consider starting with 8 mg buprenorphine or buprenorphine/naloxone SL

** Patient remains in moderate withdrawal may consider adding additional 4mg and observation for 60 minutes

***Consider high dosing in consultation with an Addiction Medicine Specialist

Warm hand-offs with specific time & date to opioid treatment providers/ programs within 24-72 hours whenever possible

All patients should be educated regarding dangers of benzodiazepine and alcohol co-use

Ancillary medication treatments with buprenorphine induction are not needed