Inpatient Management of Opioid Use Disorder: Buprenorphine/Naloxone

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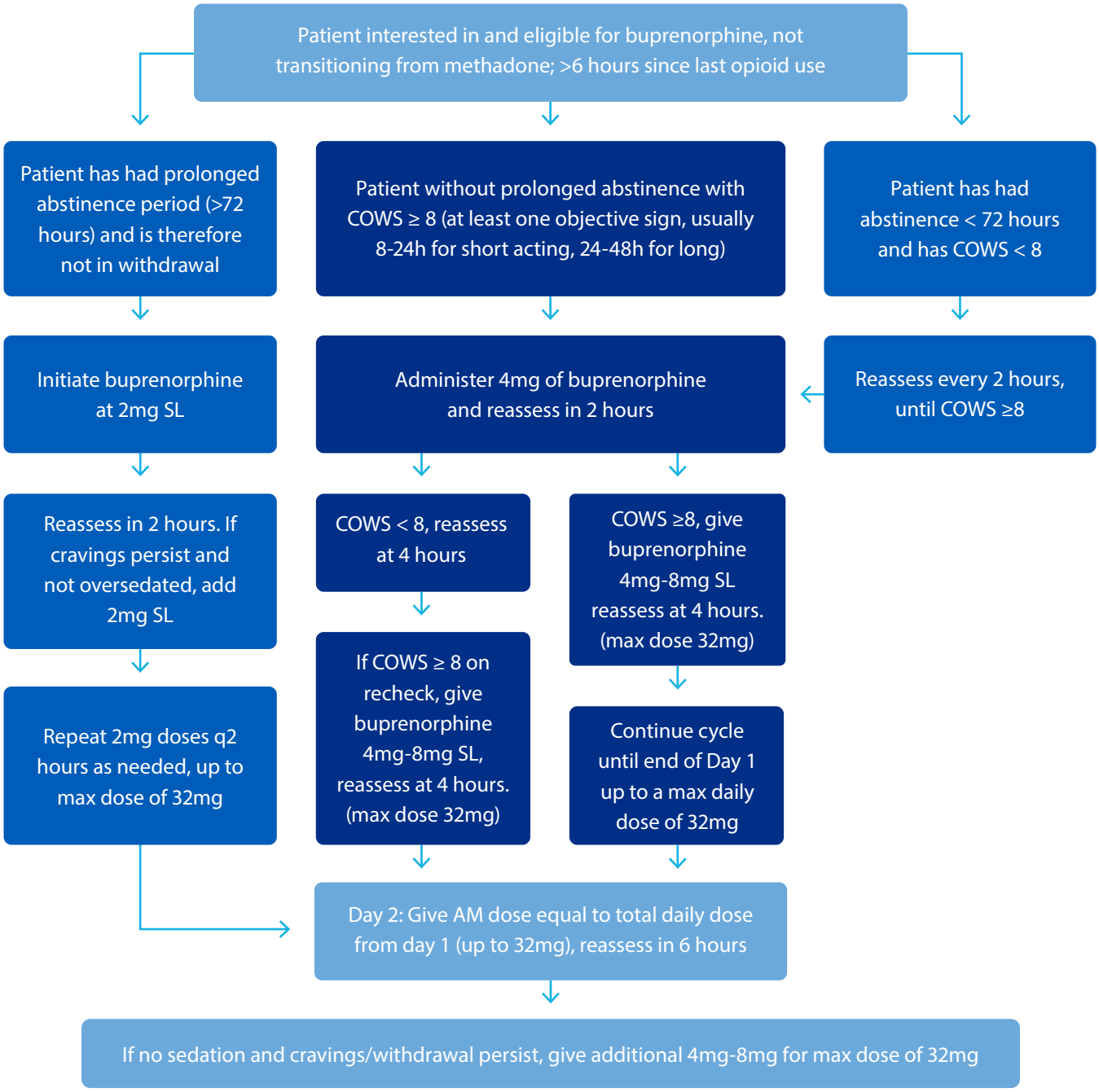
BUPRENORPHINE INDUCTION ALGORITHM



*SL = sublingual
**Day 1 max dose may surpass 8mg by provider order, up to max dose of 16mg.

- Document COWS score and evaluate for sedation at each check.
- With each check, consider increasing dose if cravings or withdrawal are present. Decrease if sedation or RR < 8 is present. The goal is for patient to have no sedation, but also no cravings or withdrawal on their final dose.
- Many patients will ultimately be on 16-24mg, however they may not reach this dose while hospitalized and can finish the induction outpatient.

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