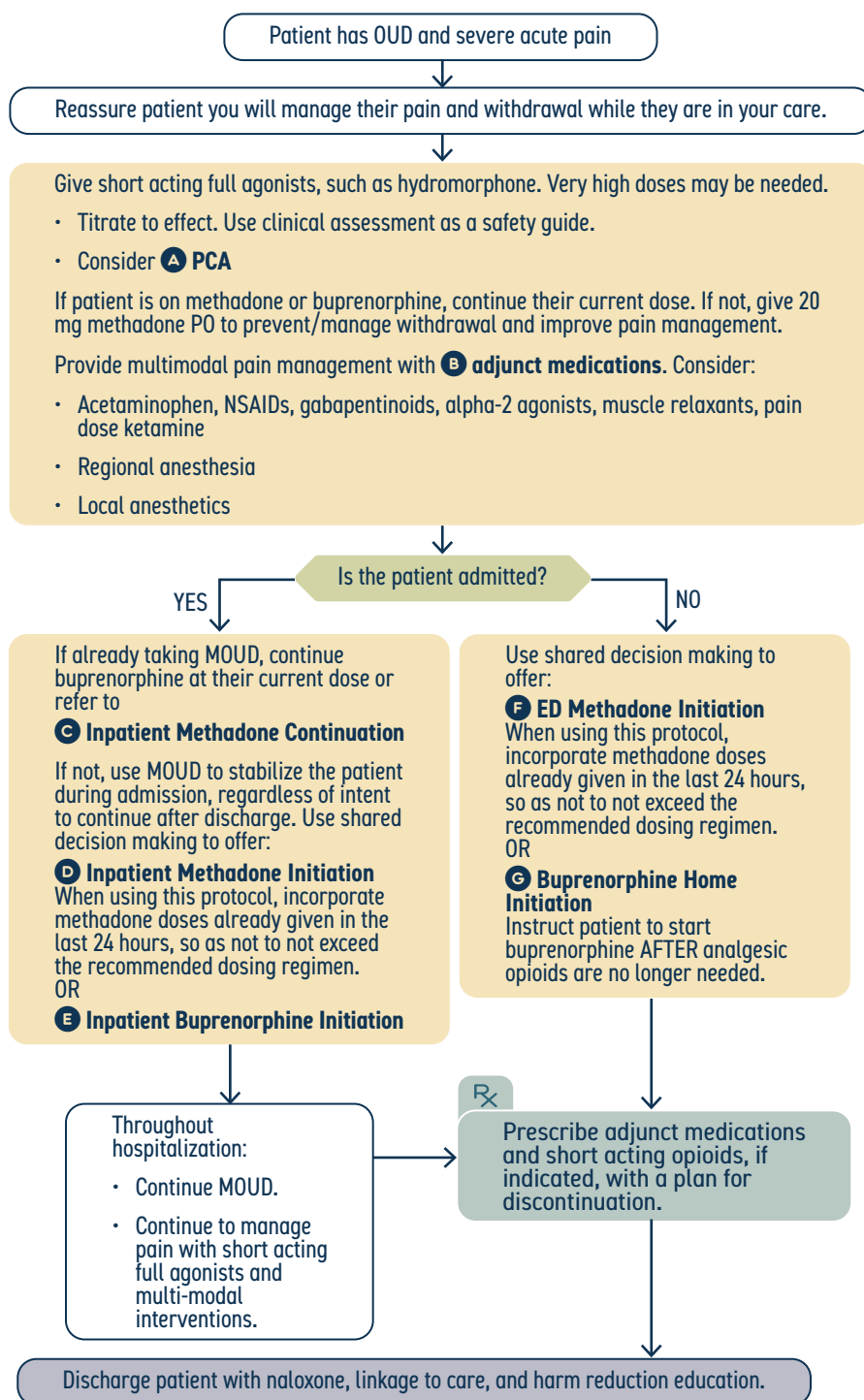


Acute Pain in Opioid Use Disorder



Considerations

MOUD combined with short-acting opioids is recommended for severe acute pain in patients with OUD. MOUD stabilizes opioid receptors, making pain management easier.

Ensure pain and OUD symptoms are well controlled. Undertreatment drives patient-directed discharge, interrupting needed medical care and increasing risk of repeat ED visits/admissions, return to use, and overdose.

Short acting, full agonist opioids:

- Can be used safely in combination with methadone and buprenorphine, with appropriate monitoring.
- May be needed at significantly higher than typical doses due to tolerance and hyperalgesia. See [Opioid Dosing for Acute Pain in Patients with OUD and High Opioid Tolerance](#).

This protocol is appropriate for use in pregnant and lactating patients but is not comprehensive for pain management in labor and delivery.

This protocol does not cover the care of patients on naltrexone.

See [Additional Clinical Guidance](#) for more information.

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