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NAS PHARMACOLOGIC MANAGEMENT

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Thank you!

Learning objectives

1. Discuss pros & cons of the most commonly used medications in NAS
 - 1st line: Morphine, Methadone
 - 2nd line: Phenobarbital, Clonidine
2. Discuss benefits of complying with a standardized guideline
3. Describe individual hospital pharmacologic guidelines
4. Understand how to develop a process map to communicate pharmacologic management

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PHARMACOLOGIC MANAGEMENT

1st line: Morphine, Methadone



NAS Therapies in US NICUs

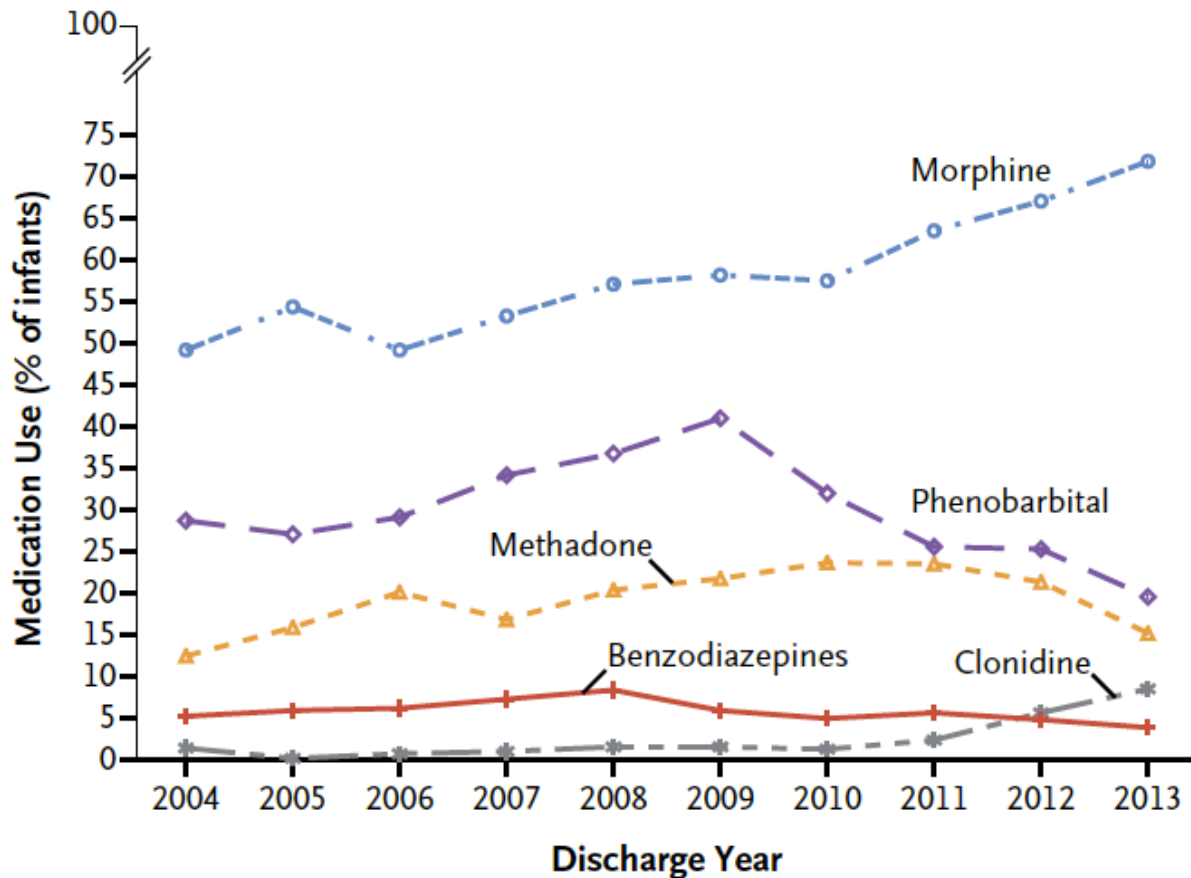


Figure 3. Medication Use in Infants with the Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome.

- Morphine & methadone are most commonly used therapies
- Buprenorphine may become more common over time
- New studies support role of clonidine alone in treatment of NAS

Morphine

ADVANTAGES

- Can be weaned more quickly in general due to its short half life
 - Shorter course of treatment
 - Shorter hospitalization
- Can be more easily given after discharge if necessary

DISADVANTAGES

- Short half life means diligent treatment and scoring during capture and weaning

Methadone

- 0.05-0.2 mg/kg every 12-24 hours

ADVANTAGES	DISADVANTAGES
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Longer half life means fewer daily doses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Long half-life may delay weaning<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Longer course of treatment• Longer hospital stay• Can lead to <i>torsades de pointe</i> in patients with congenital prolonged QT syndrome

Morphine vs. methadone

- No good comparisons between morphine & methadone as primary therapy for NAS
- Multiple reviews comparing NAS treatment with morphine or methadone have found conflicting results regarding length of stay
- Retrospective review of 36 infants treated with morphine or methadone for NAS found higher Cognitive and Gross Motor domains on Bayley-III for those treated with morphine

Takeaways

- Maternal methadone dose DOES NOT foretell likelihood of NAS in infant
- Non-pharmacologic measures are critical to successful treatment
- Centers have been successful with morphine or methadone – get a protocol and STICK TO IT

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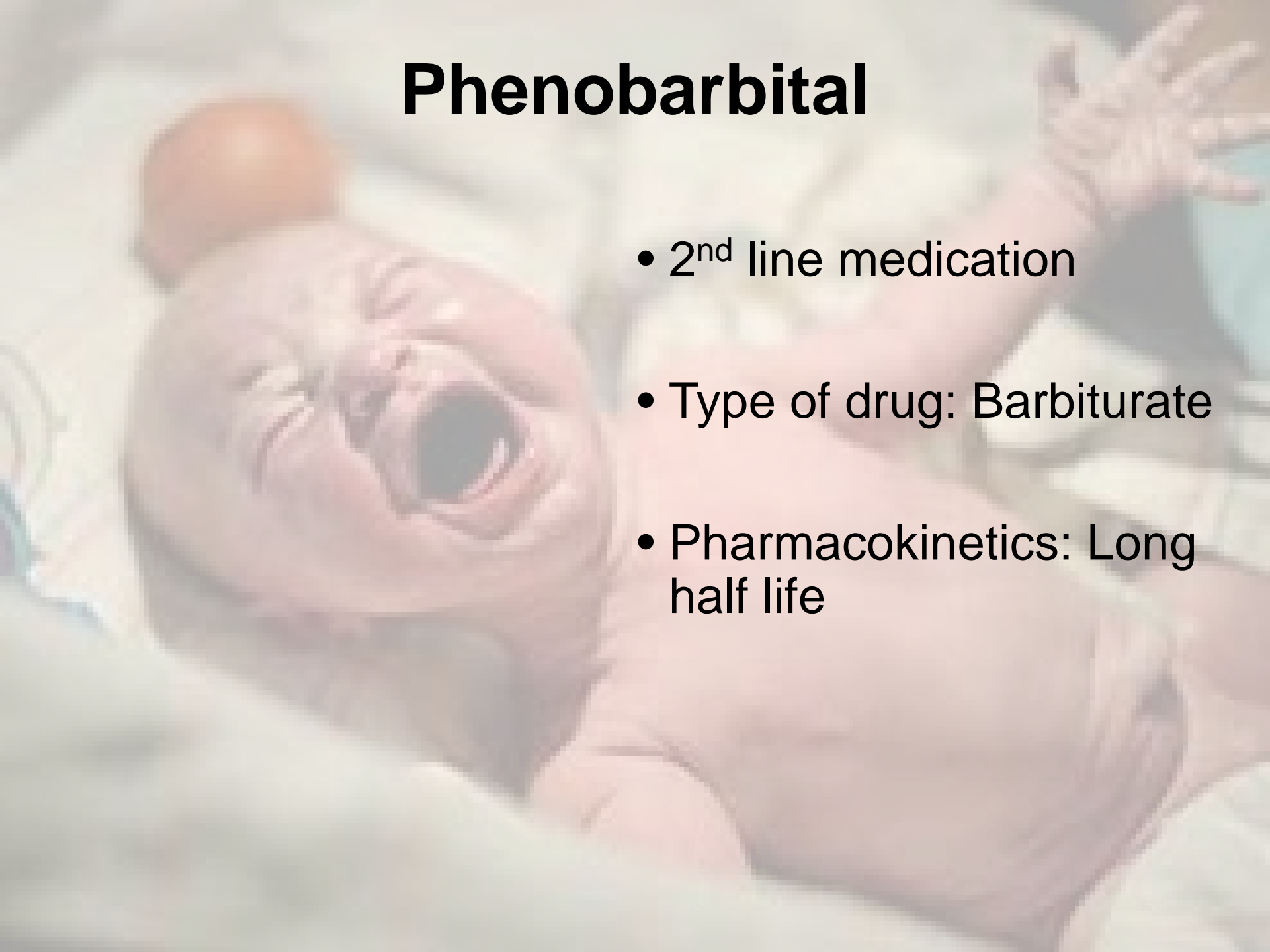
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2nd Line: Phenobarbital, Clonidine



Phenobarbital

- 2nd line medication
- Type of drug: Barbiturate
- Pharmacokinetics: Long half life



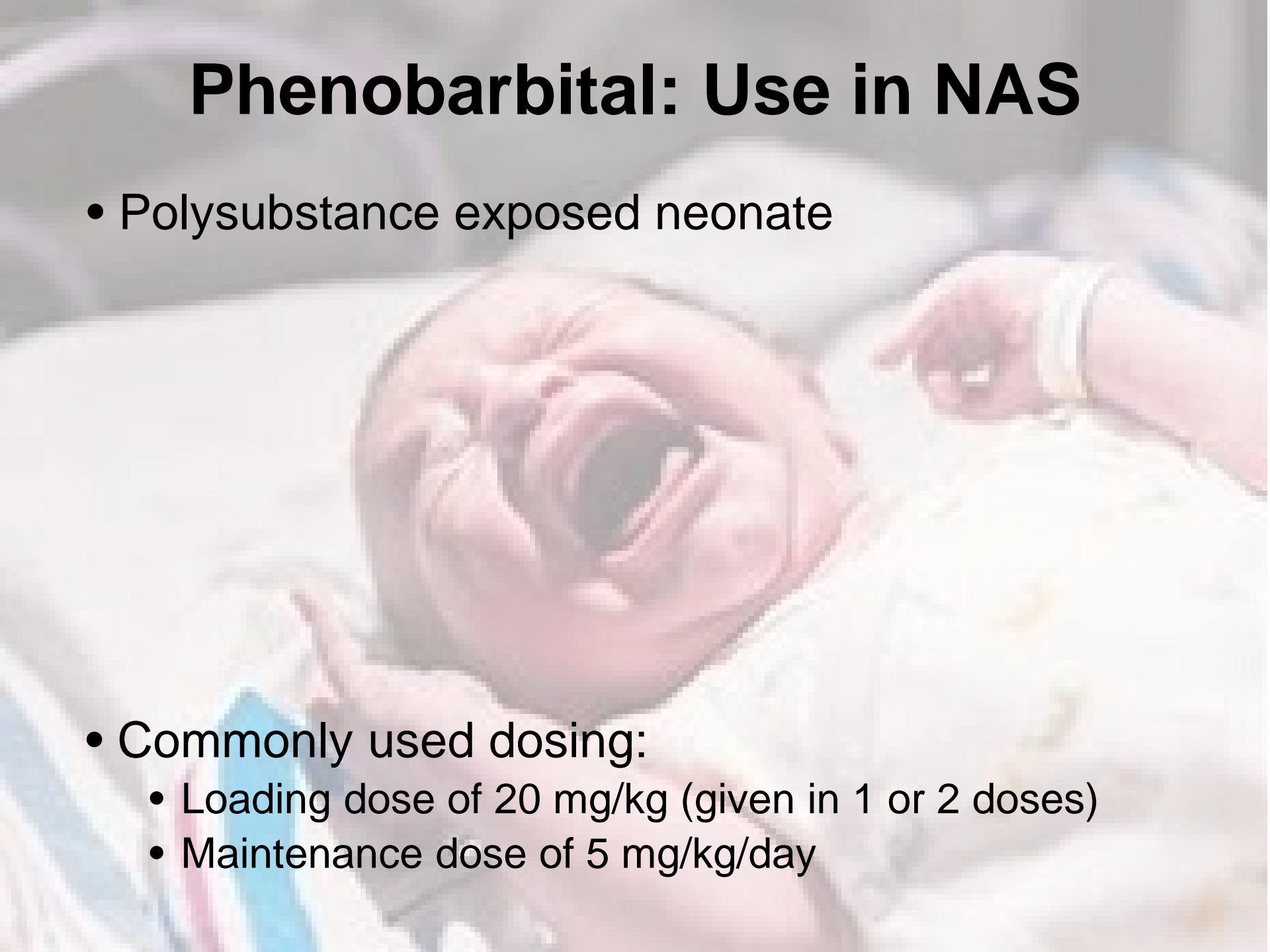
Phenobarbital

ADVANTAGES	DISADVANTAGES
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Decreased length of hospital stay (i.e., discharge home on phenobarbital)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enteral formulation contains 10% alcohol• Potential prolonged medication exposure

- Data on morphine/clonidine combination vs. morphine/phenobarbital combination
 - Phenobarbital combination had shorter hospital length of stay, but overall longer medication treatment time

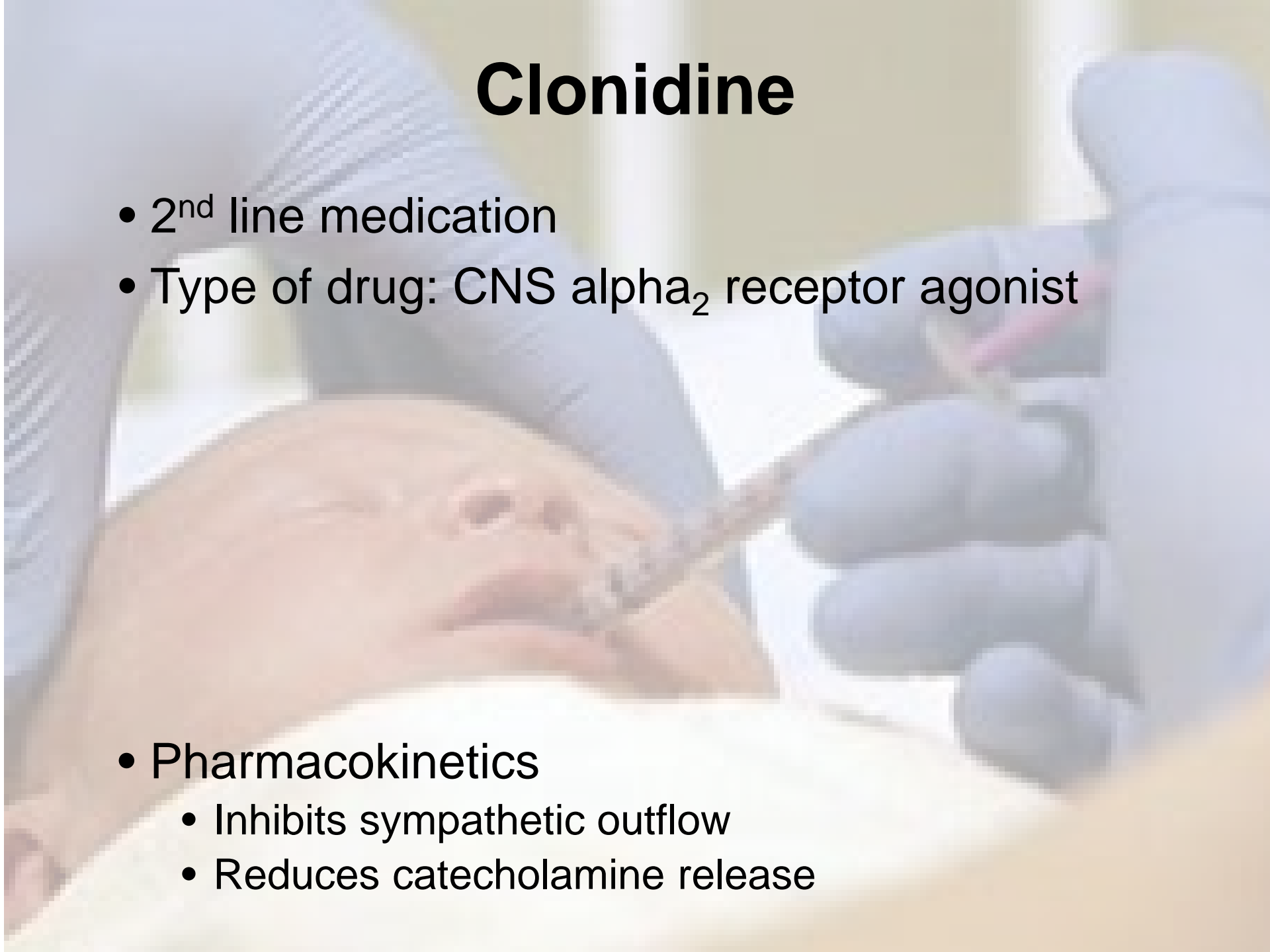
Phenobarbital: Use in NAS

- Polysubstance exposed neonate
- Commonly used dosing:
 - Loading dose of 20 mg/kg (given in 1 or 2 doses)
 - Maintenance dose of 5 mg/kg/day



Clonidine

- 2nd line medication
- Type of drug: CNS α_2 receptor agonist
- Pharmacokinetics
 - Inhibits sympathetic outflow
 - Reduces catecholamine release



Clonidine

ADVANTAGES	DISADVANTAGES
<p>Reduced LOS when combined with other NAS medications</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reduced blood pressure & heart rate (reduced catecholamine release)• Weaned too quickly → rebound hypertension & tachycardia

Clonidine: Use in NAS

- Used to treat withdrawal in neonates, children, & adults
- Conflicting data on morphine alone vs. morphine/clonidine combination
- Commonly used dosing: unknown
 - Reports of every 3, 4, or 6 hours
 - Reports of continuous drug delivery

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BENEFITS OF COMPLIANCE WITH A STANDARDIZED GUIDELINE

**Ohio Perinatal Quality Collaborative Improves
Care of Neonatal Narcotic Abstinence
Syndrome**

Walsh MC, Crowley M, Wexelblatt S, et al. *Pediatrics*. 2018;141(4): e20170900



Ohio Statewide Collaborative Quality Improvement Project

Multi-modal quality improvement initiative

GOAL 1	Standardize identification, <u>non</u> pharmacologic & pharmacologic treatment in Level 2 & 3 NICUs
GOAL 2	Reduce the use of & length of treatment in same Level 2 & 3 NICUs
GOAL 3	Reduce hospital length of stay in pharmacologically treated newborns with NAS

GLOBAL AIM

To reduce the number of moms and babies with narcotic exposure and reduce the need for treatment of NAS

SMART AIM

By increasing identification of and compassionate withdrawal treatment for term infants born with NAS, we will reduce length of stay by 20% across participating sites by June 30, 2015

KEY DRIVERS

Prenatal identification of mother
Implement optimal medical
prescription program

Improve recognition and
nonjudgmental support for
narcotic-addicted women and infants

Attain high reliability in NAS
scoring by nursing staff

Optimize Nonpharmacologic
prescription bundle

Standardize NAS treatment
protocol

Connect with outpatient
support and treatment
program before discharge

Partner with families to establish
safety plan for infant

Partner with other stakeholders
to influence policy and primary
prevention

INTERVENTIONS

- All MD and RN staff to view "Nurture the Mother-Nurture the Child"
- Monthly education on addiction care

Full-time RN staff at level-2 and 3
to complete D'Apolito NAS scoring training
video and achieve 90% reliability

- Swaddling low stimulation
- Encourage kangaroo care
- Feed on demand: MBM if appropriate or lactose-free, 22-calorie formula

- Initiate prescription if NAS score >8 twice
- Stabilization or escalation phase
- Wean when stable for 48 h by 20% daily

- Establish agreement with outpatient program and/or mental health
- Use early intervention services

Collaborate with DHS/CPS to ensure infant
safety

Engage families in safety planning

Provide primary prevention materials to sites

FIGURE 1

Key driver diagram for OPQC to Improve the Care of Newborns with In-Utero Narcotic Exposure. CPS, Child Protective Services; DHS, Department of Human Services; MBM, maternal breast milk; MD, medical doctor; RN, registered nurse.

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Compliance	PRE-intervention	POST-intervention
Nonpharmacologic bundle	37%	59%
Pharmacologic bundle	59%	68%

- Ninety-six percent of Ohio NICU's participated
- Nearly half of babies received pharmacologic treatment

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Nonpharmacologic ALL OR NONE

1: Swaddling

2: Low Stimulation or Rooming In

3: Breast milk and/or Low Lactose

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Pharmacologic ALL OR NONE

1: Treatment initiated appropriately

2: Unit primary opiate given

3: Weaning begun 48hr after stabilization

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Pharmacologic Intermediate process

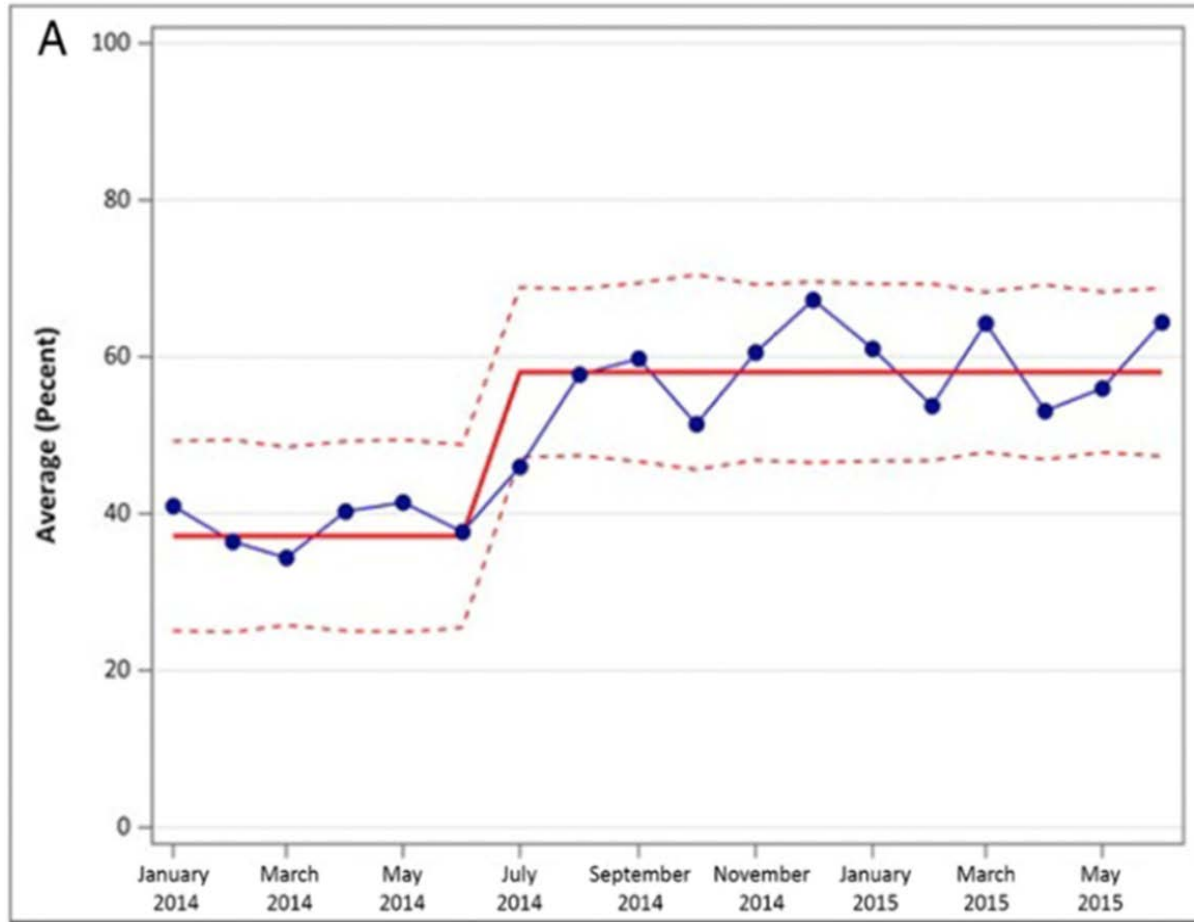
1: Frequency of dose escalation

2: Failed weaning

3: Percent of infants with either or both

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Nonpharmacologic bundle compliance

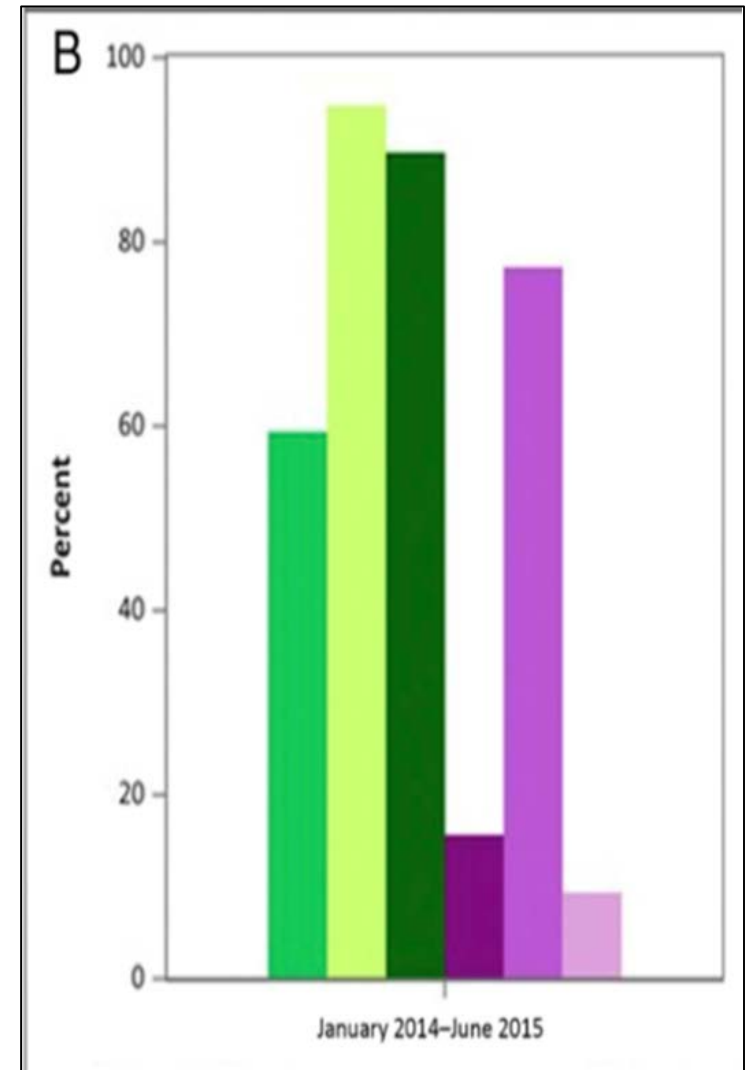
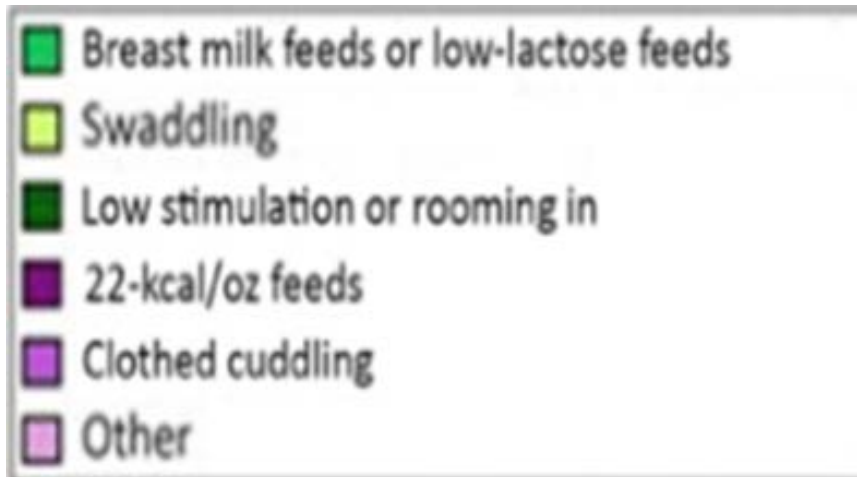


- Significant improvements in this bundle
- Centerline shift: increase by 21% from 37% to 59%

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Nonpharmacologic bundle compliance

- Criteria met in individual elements

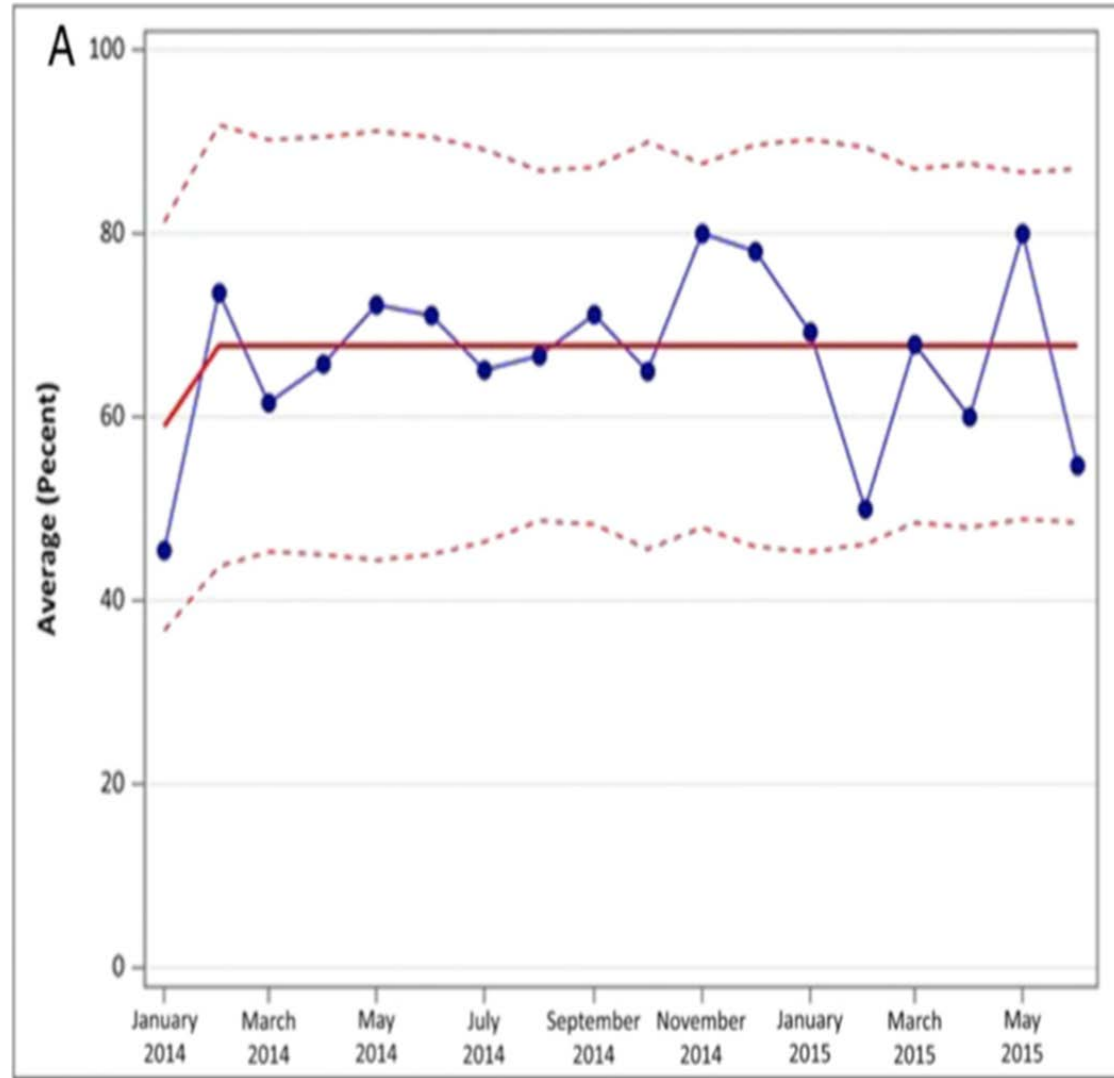


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Pharmacologic bundle compliance

- Outcome only reported for Morphine in this bundle
- Centerline shift: Increase from 59% to 68%

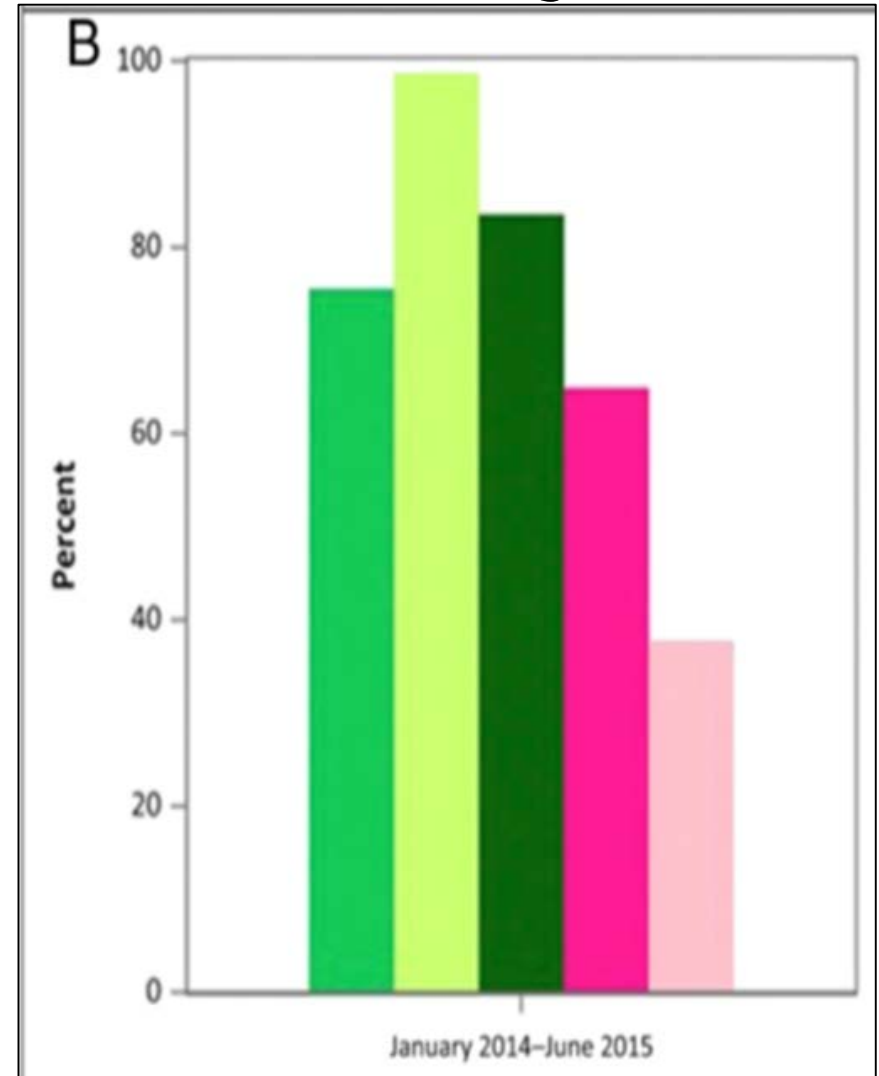
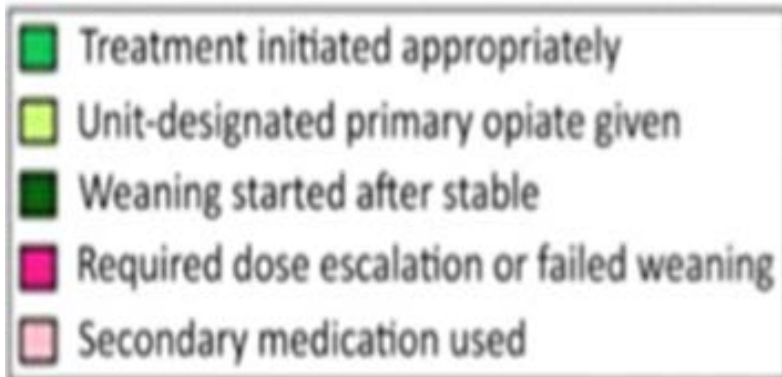
*Missing Methadone cohort (i.e. Underreporting true compliance)



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Pharmacologic bundle compliance

- Criteria met in individual elements



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Pharmacologic Intermediate process

- Significant decrease in failed weaning/dose escalation
- Centerline shift: Decrease from 67% to 59%

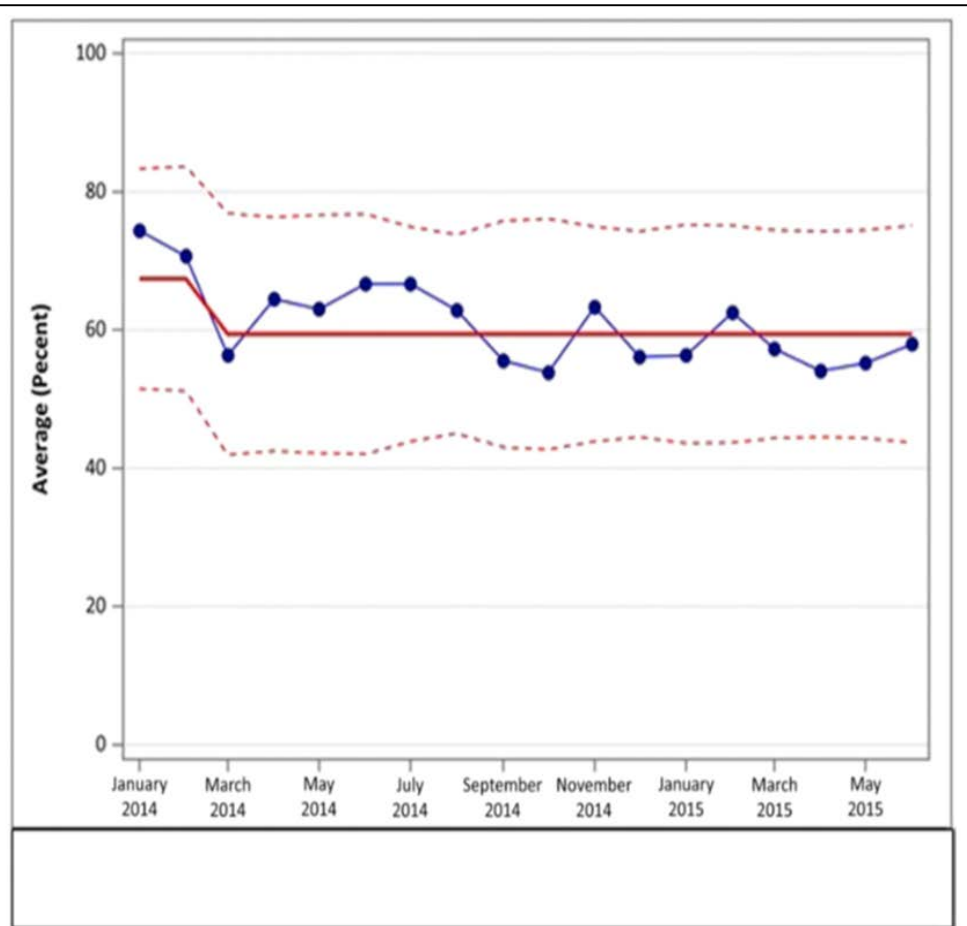
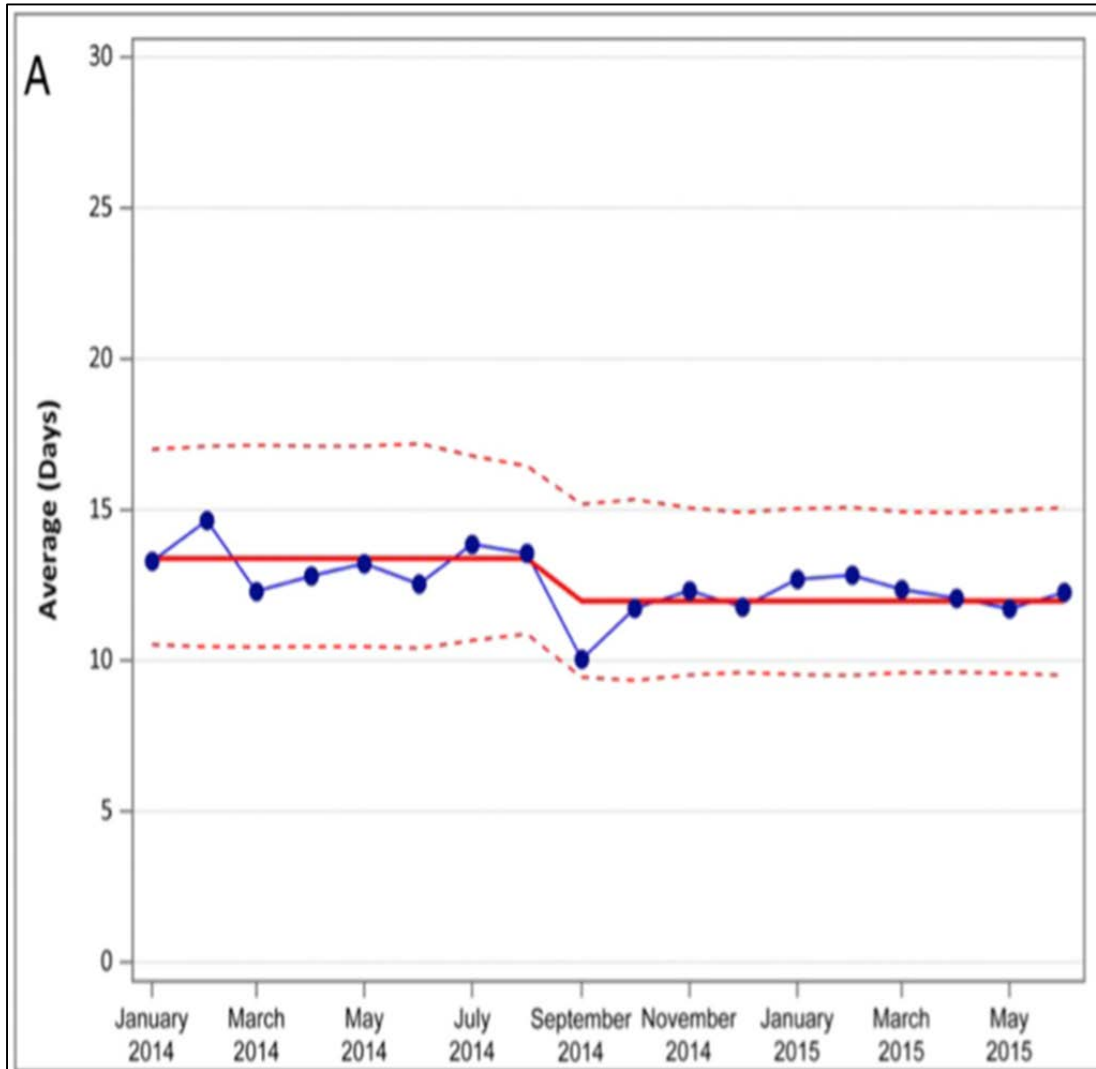


FIGURE 4

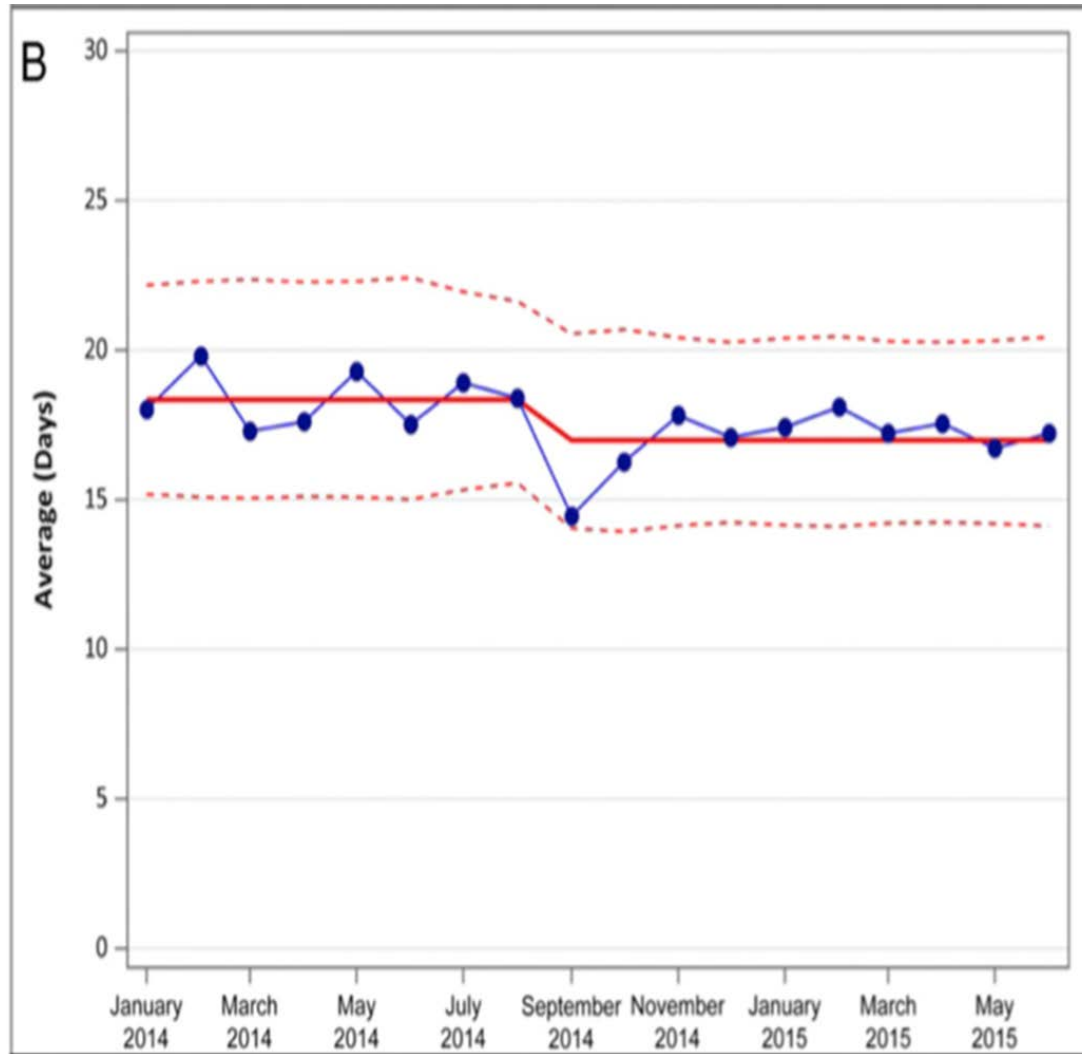
Proportion of infants with NAS failing a weaning step or requiring an opioid dose escalation: control chart showing a shift in centerline in March 2014.

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***Average length
of treatment
decreased
from
33.8 to 21.3
days***

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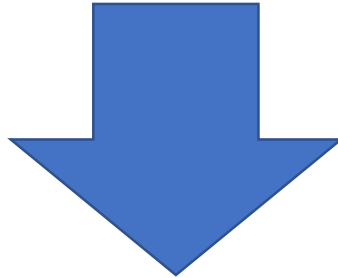


***Average
length of stay
decreased
from
18.3 to 17 days***

Takeaways

- High reliability achieved with unit-specific opioid (99%)
- High reliability achieved with weaning protocol (87%)
- Total compliance measure was reduced by the component of treatment initiation (68%), influenced by Finnegan scoring

**Therefore,
high confidence
that**



***Promoting a uniform, standardized approach
to pharmacologic treatment
is effective in reducing variability & outcomes***

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INDIVIDUAL HOSPITAL GUIDELINES

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- **Baycare**



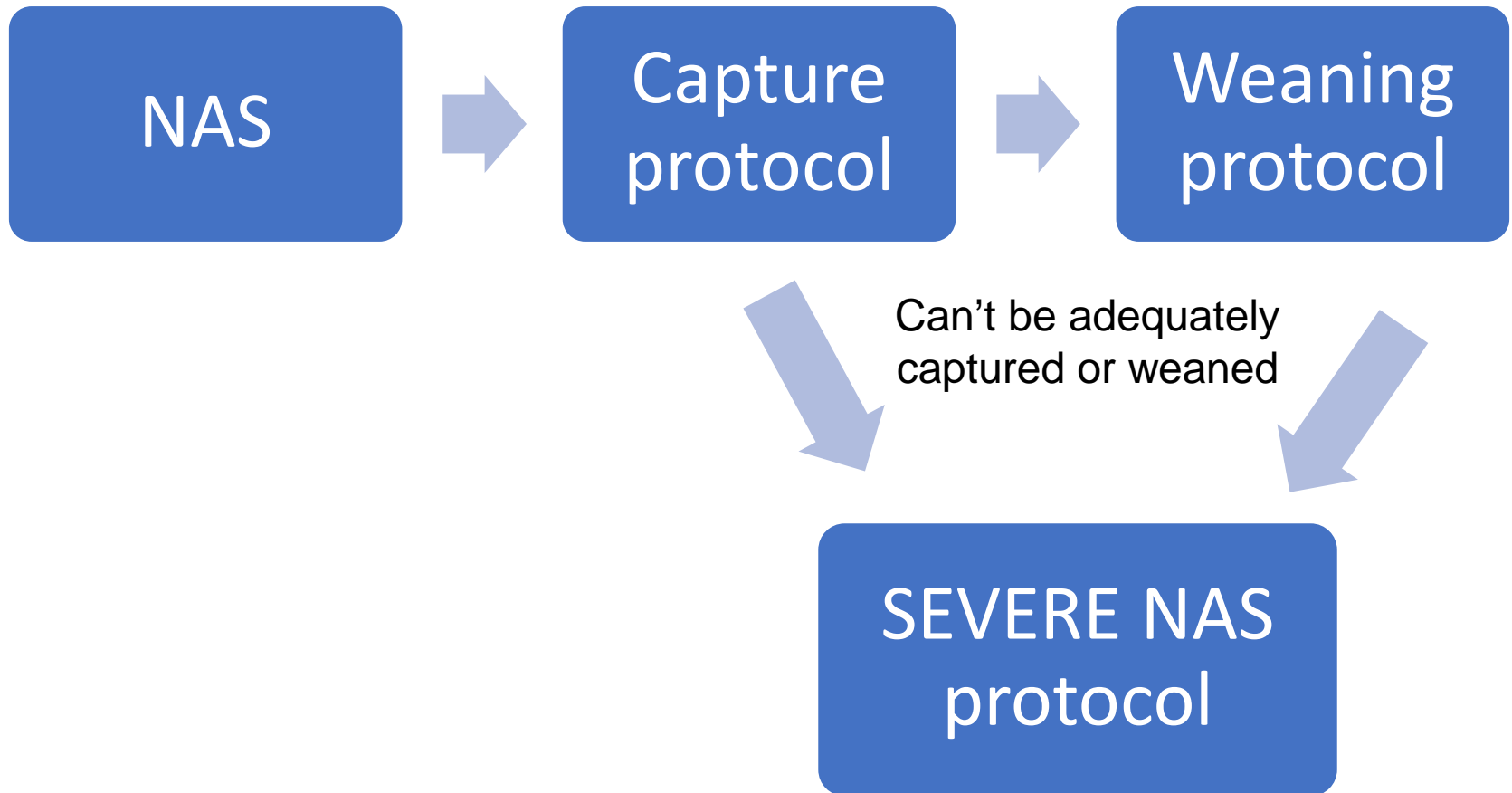
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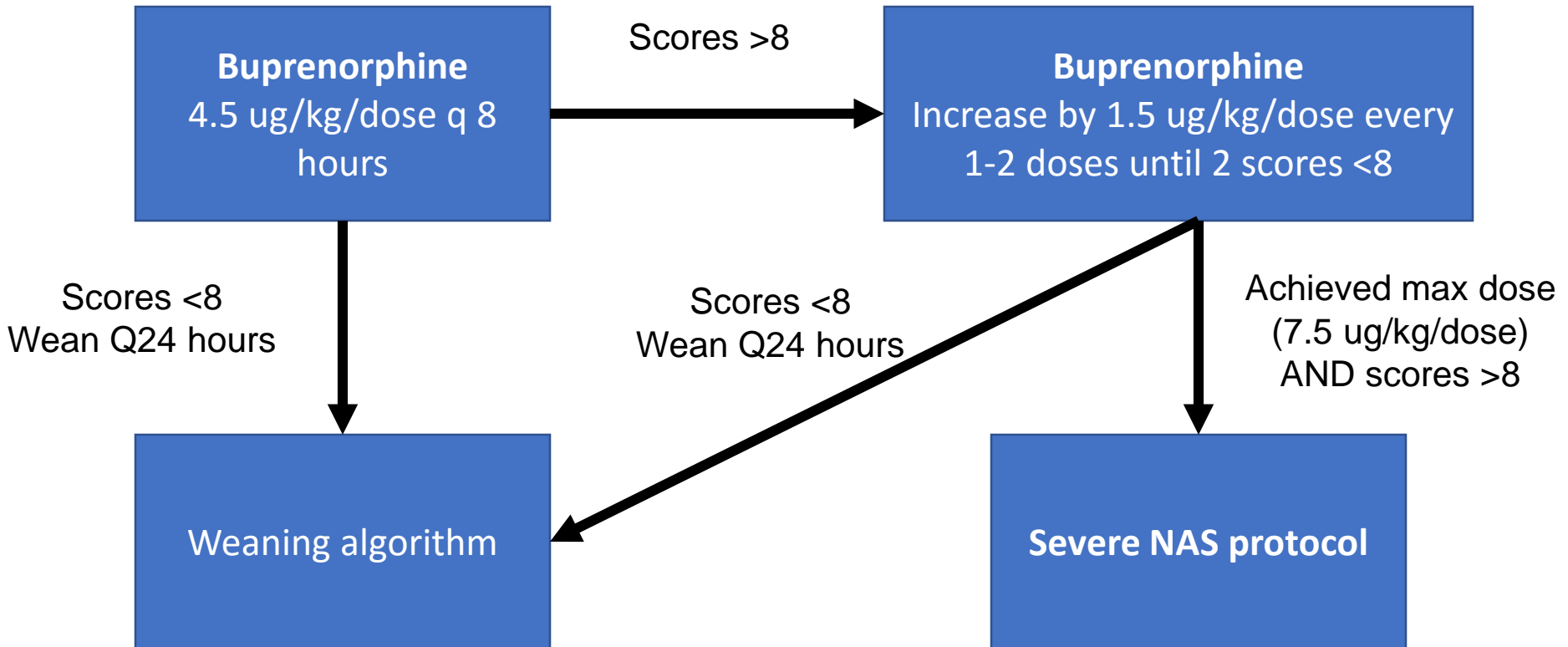


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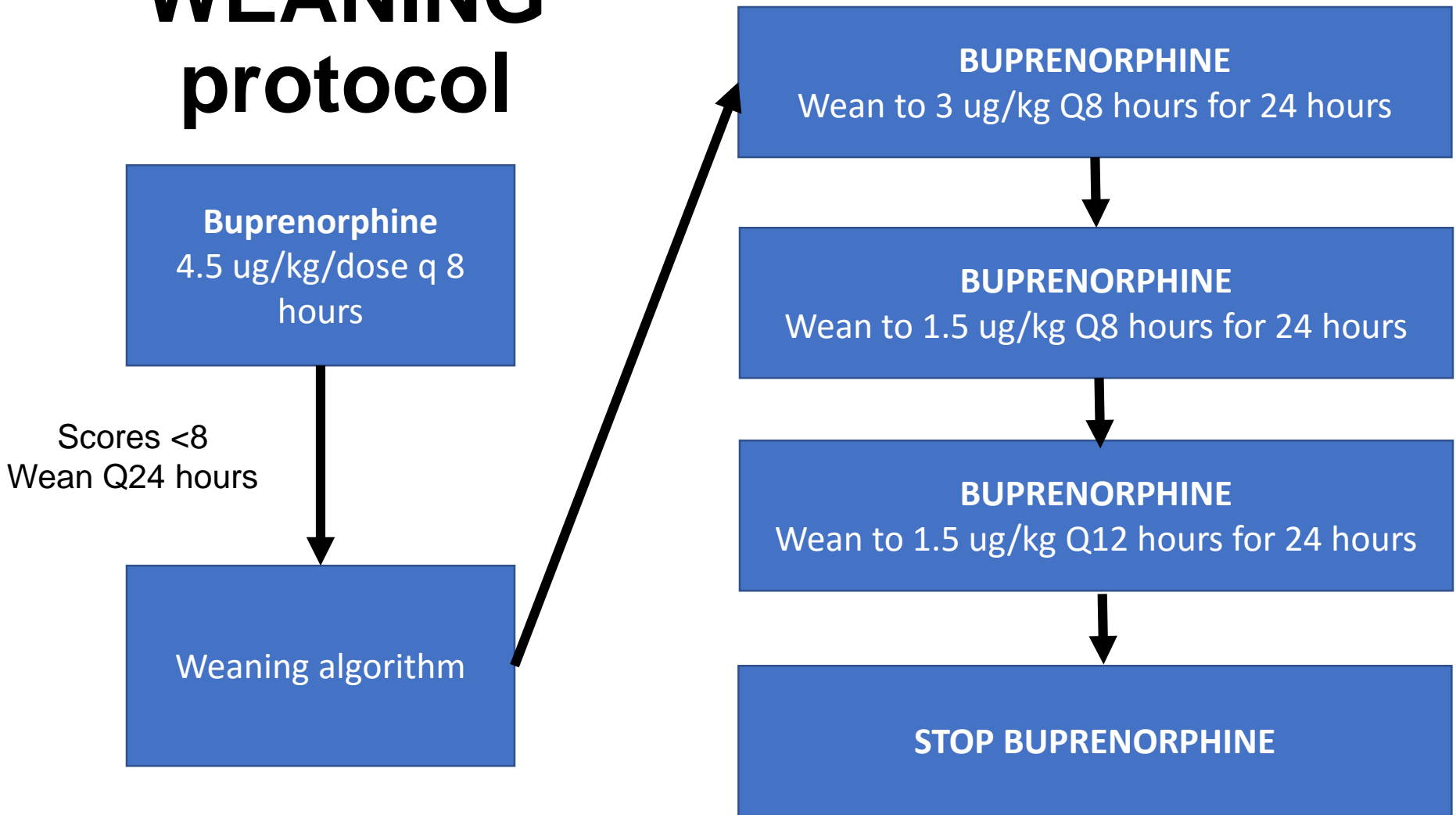
CAPTURE protocol

Initiate buprenorphine when 2 consecutive scores >8 or 1 score >12 despite maximization of non-pharmacologic measures.



- Buprenorphine concentration: 75 ug/ml: compounded with 30% ethanol and simple syrup. If volume greater than 0.5 ml give in 2 separate aliquots with pacifier (2 minutes apart) to help absorption.
- Once captured, consider PT/OT consultation

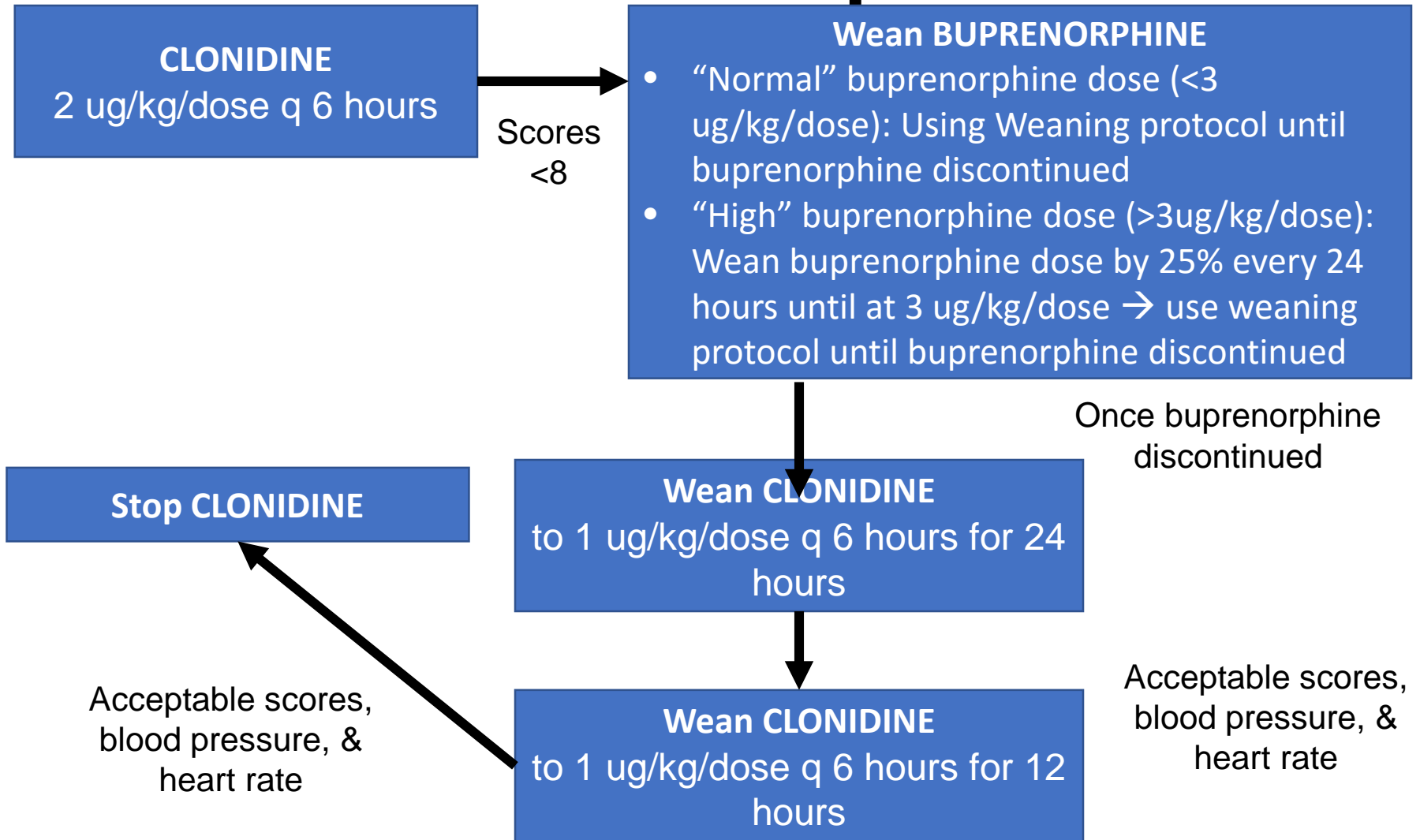
WEANING protocol



NOTES:

- Caregiver rooming (if appropriate and room available) has been shown to facilitate timely weaning.
- If scores average >8 DO NOT wean.
- If scores average <6 consider weaning the dose as early as 16 hours
- Go to Severe NAS protocol if patient can't be weaned every 2-3 days
- Once medication is discontinued observed patient for 1-2 days.

SEVERE NAS protocol



- Use for patients who can't be adequately captured or weaned efficiently.
- Ensure all non-pharmacologic measures are maximized (parent/cuddler holding, rooming in)
- Notify NAS experts of severe NAS case

Notes with Severe NAS protocol

- Clonidine
 - Measure blood pressure Q6 hours while on clonidine & for 1-2 days after clonidine is discontinued.
 - Hold clonidine dose if mean blood pressure < 40 mmHg and/or heart rate <100 bpm.
- If patient doesn't respond to buprenorphine & clonidine use Phenobarbital
 - Load with Phenobarbital (10 mg/kg) x2 doses 12 hours apart
 - Start maintenance dose of 2.5 mg/kg twice a day
 - Once average scores are <8 wean buprenorphine 1st, clonidine 2nd, & phenobarbital 3rd
- Once off all medications, the severe NAS patient should be monitored for 2 days for rebound NAS signs.

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NICU Protocol for NAS therapy

Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome Management

NAS Scoring

Begin scoring every 3 hours once NAS is suspected

If maternal narcotic use is known, begin scoring on admission

Non-pharmacologic therapy

Non-pharmacologic therapy is critical to treatment of NAS and with appropriate and timely intervention, it may reduce or eliminate the infant's need for pharmacologic therapy. Initiate non-pharmacologic therapy below as soon as scoring is started:

- ☐ Dark and quiet Room Assignment
 - Notify appropriate charge nurse for room assignment to one of the preferred rooms for NAS babies
- ☐ Swaddling, pacifier, holding, gentle up and down rocking
 - Parents and family are the ideal caretakers when able and available, rooming-in is preferred
 - Volunteers should be called when the family is unavailable, particularly in the early stages
- ☐ Attend to any infant needs quickly (wet or soiled diaper, dropping pacifier, etc.)
- ☐ Frequent feeds if able to feed ad lib
- ☐ Encourage breast feeding if no contraindications noted and no other drug abuse documented
- ☐ **NO CD PLAYERS and NO MECHANICAL ROCKERS (mamaRoo is approved)**

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NICU Protocol for NAS therapy

Initiation of Pharmacologic Therapy:

Single score > 8: Attend to any infant needs (feeding, diaper change, etc.), wait 1 hour and repeat scoring (FOR FIRST ELEVATED SCORE ONLY)

- ❖ If repeat score ≤ 8, continue with non-pharmacologic intervention
- ❖ If repeat score is > 8, initiate Morphine at dose that corresponds to the higher score; MD/NNP to be notified of score q 3 hours.

Subsequent scores > 8: Use the “**Escalation**” column to increase Morphine until scores ≤ 8 (see chart); MD/NNP need to be called with score q 3 hours so morphine dose is increase accordingly until infant is controlled. Once infant is receiving morphine, escalate dose with single scores > 8. **DO NOT REPEAT** scoring after 1 hour as per protocol for the initial elevated score.

- ❖ Maximum morphine dose = 0.1 mg/kg/dose
- ❖ If morphine is at 0.1 mg/kg/dose and scores continue to be > 8, Clonidine is added at 1 mcg/kg/dose every 6 hours.
- ❖ If scores continue to be > 8, increase Clonidine to 2 mcg/kg/dose every 6 hours. Clonidine may be escalated to 3 mcg/kg/dose q 6 hours for persistently elevated scores.
- ❖ If scores remain elevated with increasing pharmacologic therapy, consider that there may be additional non-opioid drug exposure contributing to the infant’s clinical picture.

NAS Score	Initial morphine Dosing	Escalation	Re-escalation (post wean initiation)
0-8	Not Indicated	Continue same dose	Continue same dose
9-12	0.04 mg q 3 hours	Increase morphine by 0.02 mg	Increase morphine by 0.01 mg
13-16	0.08 mg q 3 hours	Increase morphine by 0.04 mg	Increase morphine by 0.02 mg
17-20	0.12 mg q 3 hours	Increase morphine by 0.06 mg	Increase morphine by 0.03 mg
21-24	0.16 mg q 3 hours	Increase morphine by 0.08 mg	Increase morphine by 0.04 mg
25 or higher	0.20 mg q 3 hours	Increase morphine by 0.1 mg	Increase morphine by 0.05 mg
Morphine is the Agent of Choice for NICU NAS			

Weaning of Pharmacologic Therapy

Initiate tapering with NAS scores ≤ 8 for 48 hours

- ❖ Decrease morphine by 0.02 mg every 24 hours (May decrease more rapidly with scores < 5)
- ❖ Once off morphine for 24 hours with scores ≤ 8, reduce Clonidine dose by 50% for 24 hours, then discontinue.

Re-escalation of Pharmacologic Therapy

If scores increase to > 8 once weaning has begun, re-escalate morphine dose with each score > 8 using the “Re-escalation” column above

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Morphine – initiation

Begin morphine with 2 scores > 8 , 1 hour apart

- 9-12 = 0.04 mg every 3-4 hours
- 13-16 = 0.08 mg every 3-4 hours
- 17-20 = 0.12 mg every 3-4 hours
- 21-24 = 0.16 mg every 3-4 hours
- ≥ 25 = 0.20 mg every 3-4 hours

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Morphine – continuation therapy

- For each subsequent score > 8 , **increase** dose by:
 - 9-12 = 0.02 mg every 3-4 hours
 - 13-16 = 0.04 mg every 3-4 hours
 - 17-20 = 0.06 mg every 3-4 hours
 - 21-24 = 0.08 mg every 3-4 hours
 - ≥ 25 = 0.1 mg every 3-4 hours
- Subsequent dosing every 3-4 hours
- If morphine reaches 0.1 mg/kg every 3-4 hours and scores are still > 8 , add Clonidine at 1 mcg/kg every 6 hours. May increase to 2-3 mcg/kg q 6 hr

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Morphine – weaning

- Once scores are ≤ 8 for 48 hours, may begin to wean morphine by 0.02 mg every 24
 - May decrease more rapidly with scores < 5
- Once off morphine for 24 hours with scores ≤ 8 , reduce Clonidine dose by 50% for 24 hours, then discontinue Clonidine

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Morphine – re-escalation

- If scores increase to > 8 on 2 occasions after weaning was started, increase dose with each score >8 by:
 - 9-12 = 0.01 mg every 3-4 hours
 - 13-16 = 0.02 mg every 3-4 hours
 - 17-20 = 0.03 mg every 3-4 hours
 - 21-24 = 0.04 mg every 3-4 hours
 - ≥ 25 = 0.05 mg every 3-4 hours

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Clonidine – weaning

- If clonidine was given, continue at the maximum dose until morphine has been stopped for 24 hours.
- Wean by 50% and watch for tachycardia or hypertension or increased NAS scores
- If stable for 24 hours, discontinue clonidine and observe for another 24-48 hours.

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Early medication protocol: **Morphine**

- Scores DURING FIRST 1-2 days of withdrawal
- **≥ 8 intermittently or 1 scores ≥ 12**
 - start Morphine dose 0.04 mg/kg/dose q3 hours
- **Consistent scores > 12**
 - start Morphine at 0.06 mg/kg/dose q3 hours

Medication escalation: **Morphine**

- Scores DURING FIRST 1-2 days of treatment for withdrawal
- Continues with high NAS scores (2 scores of 9-12 or 1 score >12)
 - increase Morphine dose by 0.01-0.02 mg/kg/dose q 3h
 - **MAX Morphine dose used 0.08mg/kg/dose q3h***
- Must assess the effect for 12 hours before another increase

Medication escalation: **Adding Clonidine**

- Add Clonidine when
 - Morphine at 0.08 mg/kg/dose
 - IF 2 scores 9-12 or 1 score >12
- Start Clonidine at 1 mcg/kg/dose q3h
- Must assess the effect for 12 hours before another increase.
- Clonidine monitoring: blood pressure & heart rate before dose administered
 - Hold Clonidine dose if heart rate <100 bpm or systolic blood pressure <60 mmHg

Medication escalation: **Clonidine**

- Increase Clonidine dose IF 2 scores 9-12 or 1 score >12
- Can increase Clonidine
 - 1st increase to 2 mcg/kg/dose q3 hours
 - 2nd increase to 2.5 mcg/kg/dose q3 hours
 - 3rd increase to 3 mcg/kg/dose q3 hours
- Must assess the effect for 12 hours before another increase
- Clonidine monitoring: blood pressure & heart rate before dose administered
 - Hold Clonidine dose if heart rate <100 bpm or systolic blood pressure <60 mmHg

Medication escalation:

High doses of Morphine & Clonidine

*When Morphine at 0.08 mg/kg/dose
& Clonidine at 3 mcg/kg/dose*

IF Morphine preferred

- Increase Morphine to 0.09 mg/kg/dose q3 hours, then to 0.1 mg/kg/dose, then to 0.11 mg/kg, then to 0.12 mg/kg/dose

THIS DOSE MAY LEAD TO IATROGENIC CONCERNS

- Must assess the effect for 12 hours before EACH increase

IF Clonidine preferred

- Increase Clonidine doses 3.5mcg/kg/dose, then 4mcg/kg/dose

Medication weaning: **Morphine**

ALWAYS wean morphine BEFORE Clonidine
(regardless of Morphine dose)

- Decrease Morphine by ~10% for every 18-30 hours that scores AVERAGE ≤ 8
- When Morphine is at 0.09 mg/kg/dose q3 hours, go to 0.08 mg/kg/dose q3 hours, then to 0.07 mg/kg/dose, 0.06 mg/kg/dose, 0.05 mg/kg/dose...
- If scores are higher after weaning, assess the effect for 12 hours before returning to the previous dose

Medication weaning: **Morphine**

ALWAYS wean morphine BEFORE Clonidine
(regardless of Morphine dose)

- Once Morphine is at 0.04-0.05 mg/kg/dose Q3 hours, frequency can be spaced (*still before Clonidine weaning*)
- Decrease Morphine frequency to q6 hours for 18-30 hours
 - IF scores AVERAGE ≤ 8 can continue weaning frequency (e.g., if at 0.05 mg/kg/dose q3 hours wean to q6 hours, then q12 hours, then discontinue)
- If scores are higher after weaning, assess the effect for 12 hours before returning to the previous interval

Medication weaning: **Clonidine**

- Once Morphine has been discontinued for 18-30 hours, consider Clonidine weaning
- Decrease Clonidine dose by 1 mcg/kg/dose changes
- Decrease Clonidine frequency once at 1 mcg/kg/dose
 - Start at q6 hour frequency for 18-30 hours
 - IF scores AVERAGE ≤ 8 can continue weaning frequency (e.g., if at q6 hours wean to q12 hours, then discontinue)
- If scores are higher after weaning, assess the effect for 12 hours before returning to the previous interval

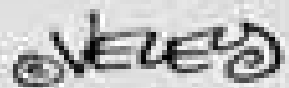
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USING PROCESS MAPPING IN NAS

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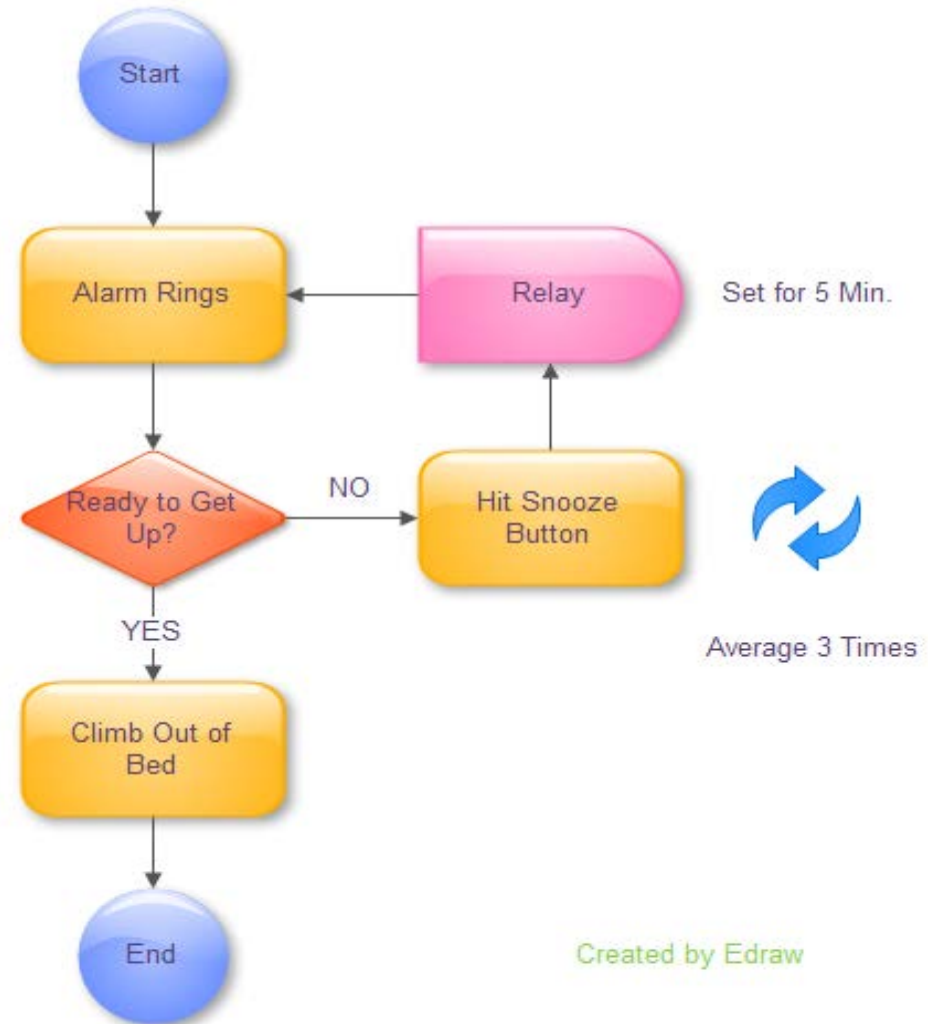


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What is a process flow map?

AKA, Flowcharts, Flow maps, Flow diagrams, Algorithms



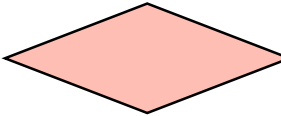
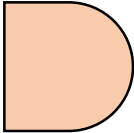

- Tool in your toolbox
- Easy-to-understand visual model of a process
- Standardizes a process
- Can improve efficiency
- Sequence of steps to get from “A” → “B”

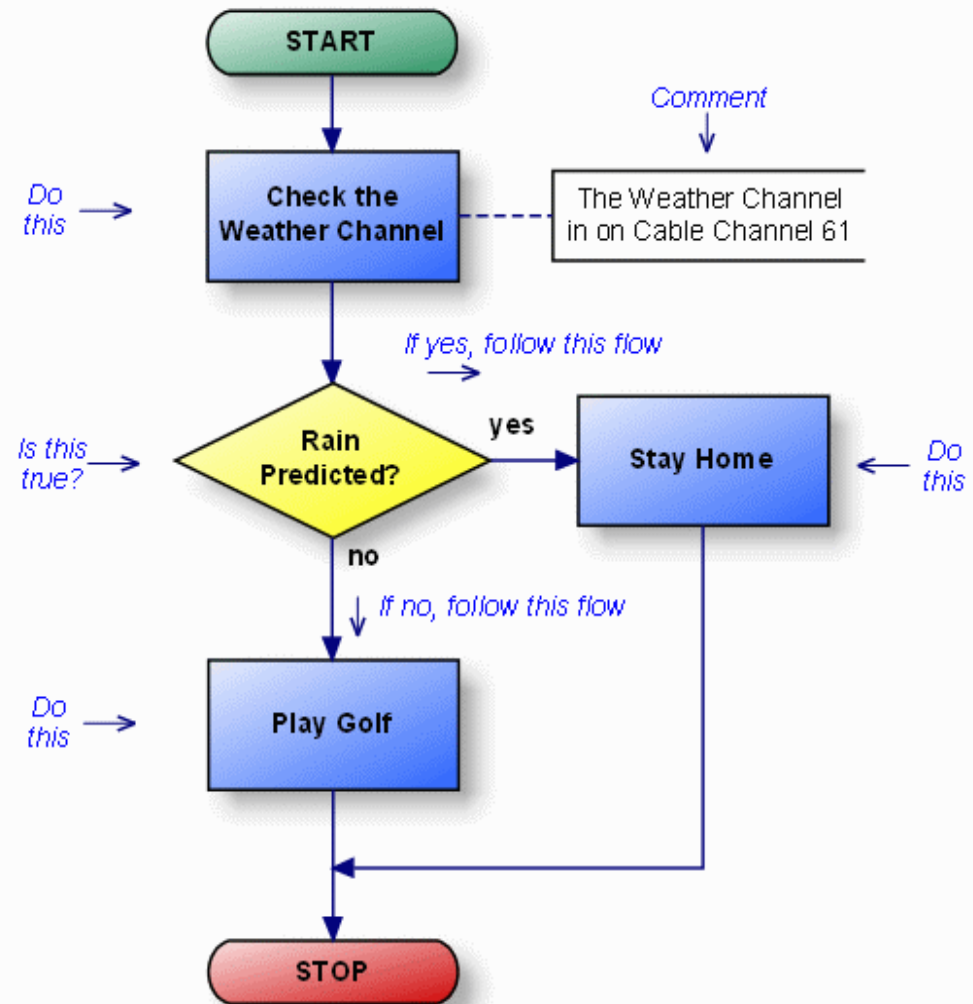


Why use a process flow map for NAS management?

- **Clarify current state**
 - Basis for discussion
 - Standardize a process
- **Communicate a process**
 - Clarify process for team & others
- **Analyze a process**
 - Opportunities, inefficiencies, bottlenecks

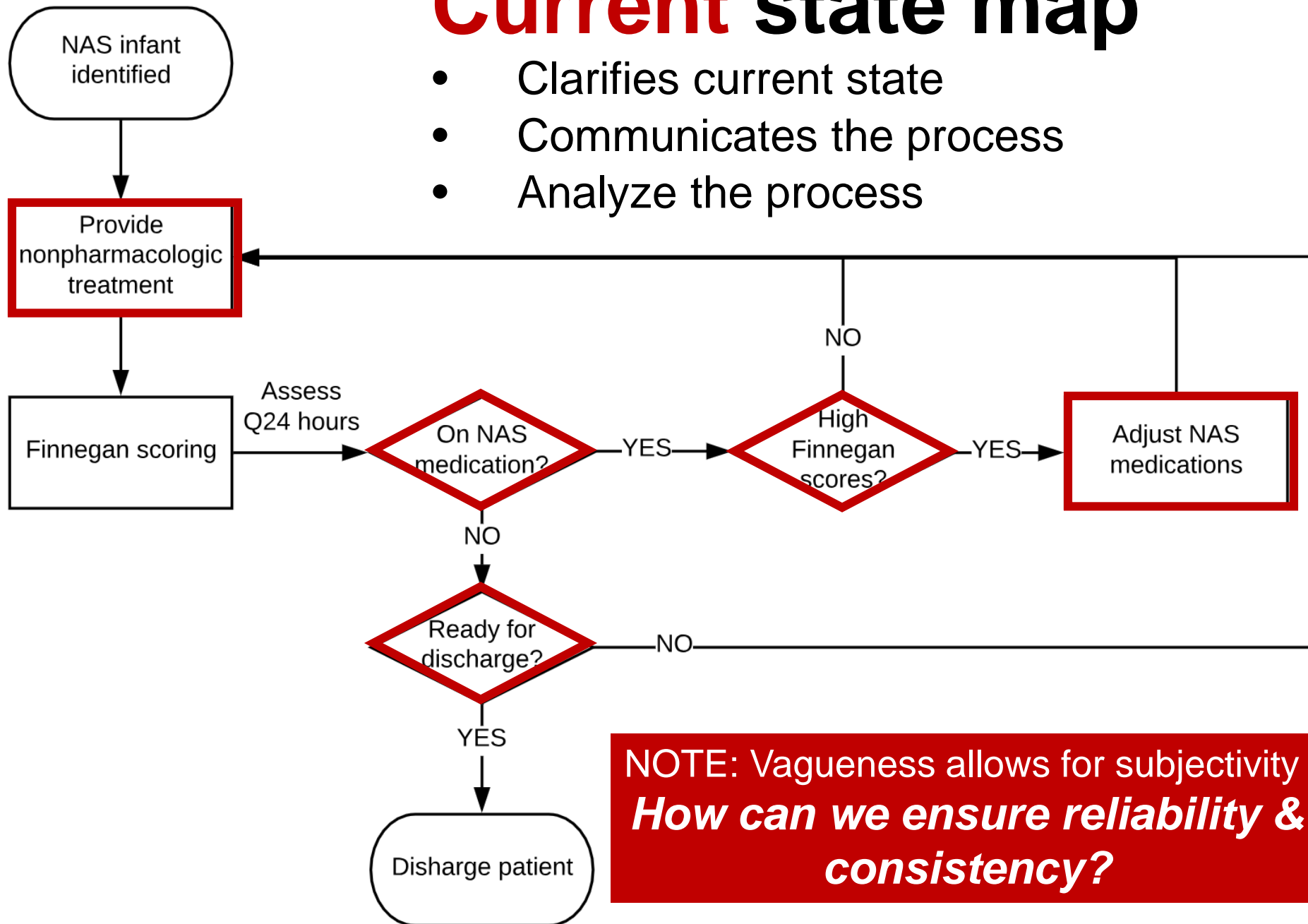
Process map symbols

- Start/End 
- Step 
- Decision 
- Delay 
- Direction 

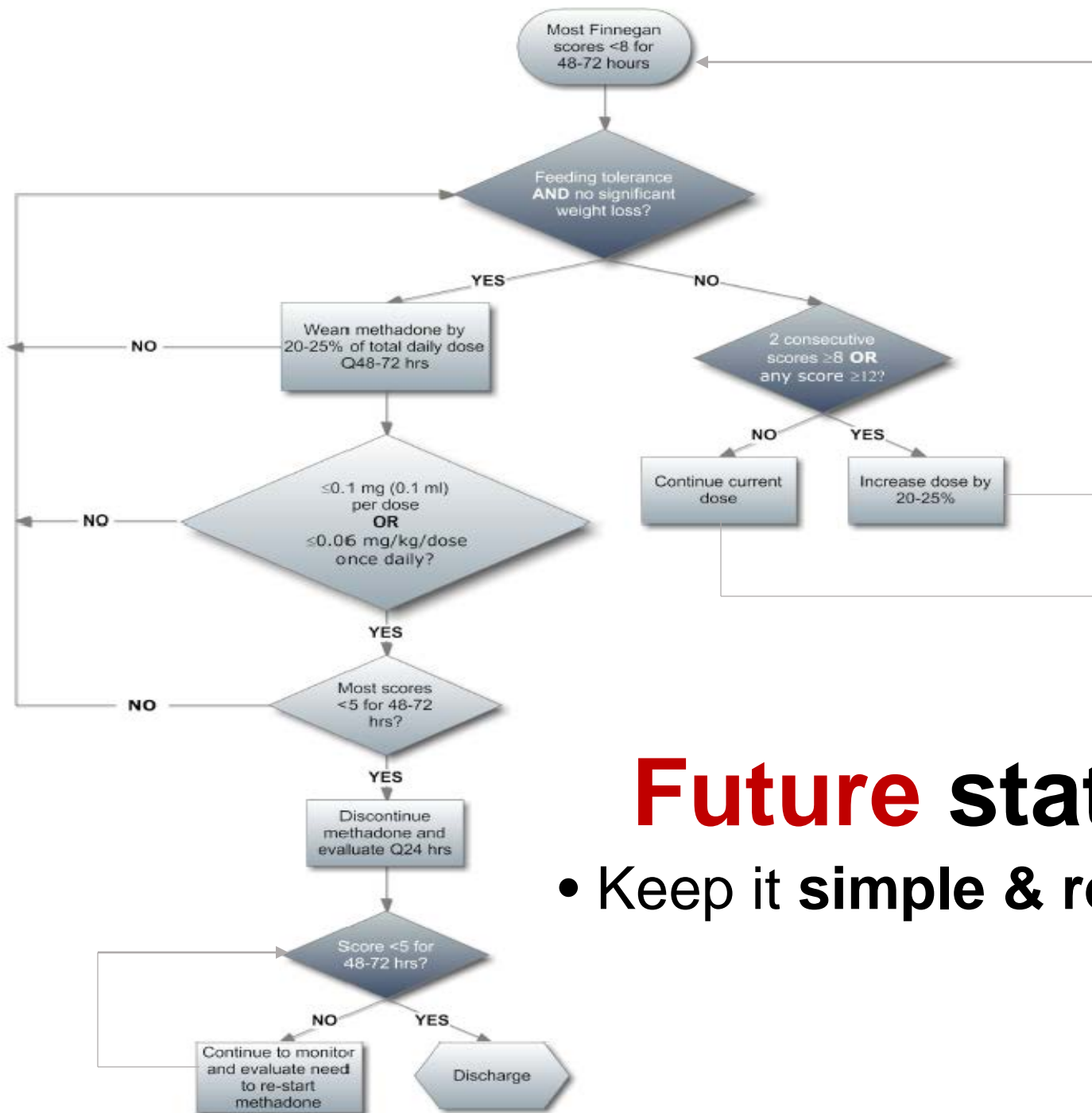


Current state map

- Clarifies current state
- Communicates the process
- Analyze the process

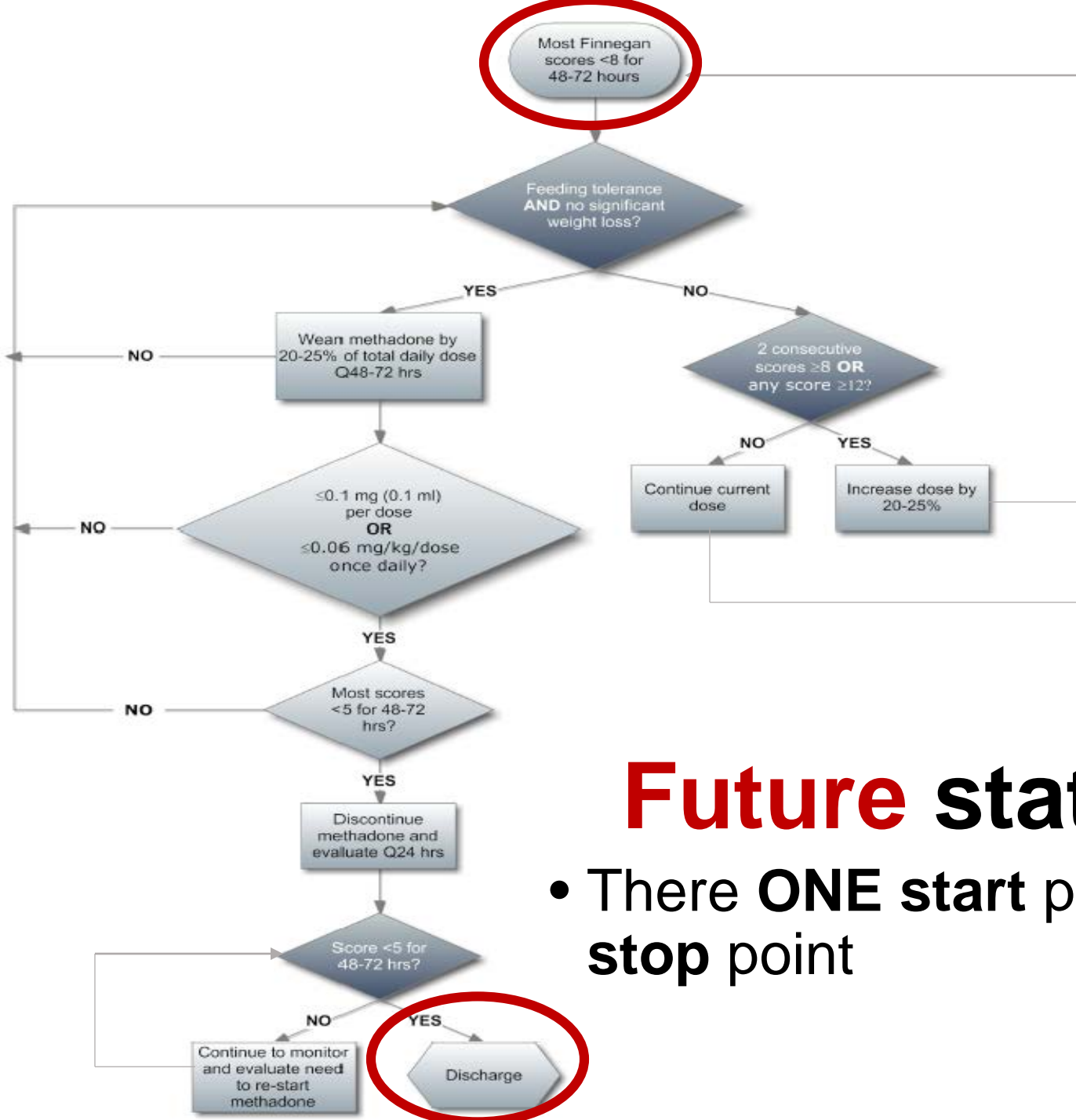


NOTE: Vagueness allows for subjectivity
How can we ensure reliability & consistency?



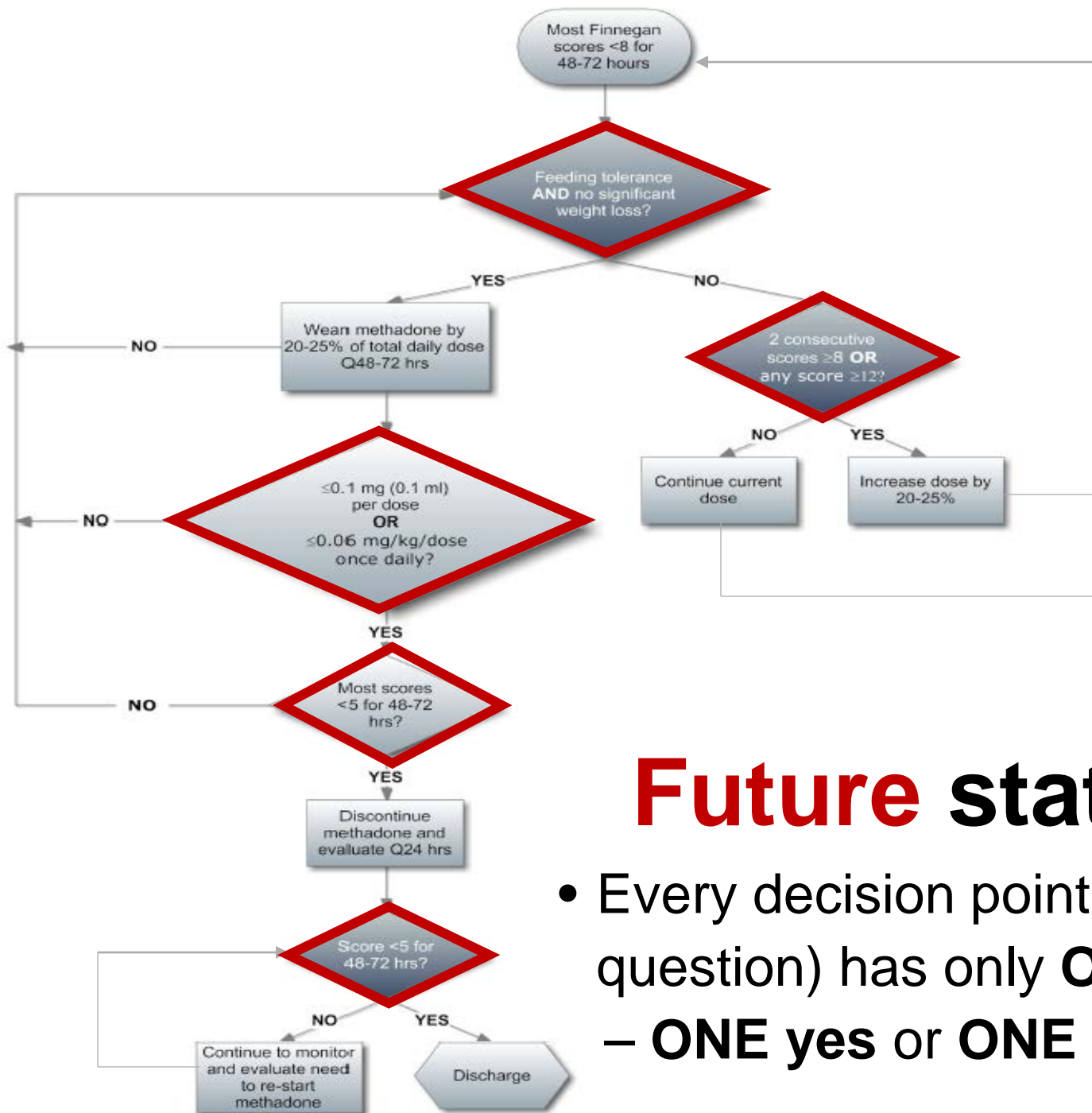
Future state map

- Keep it simple & readable



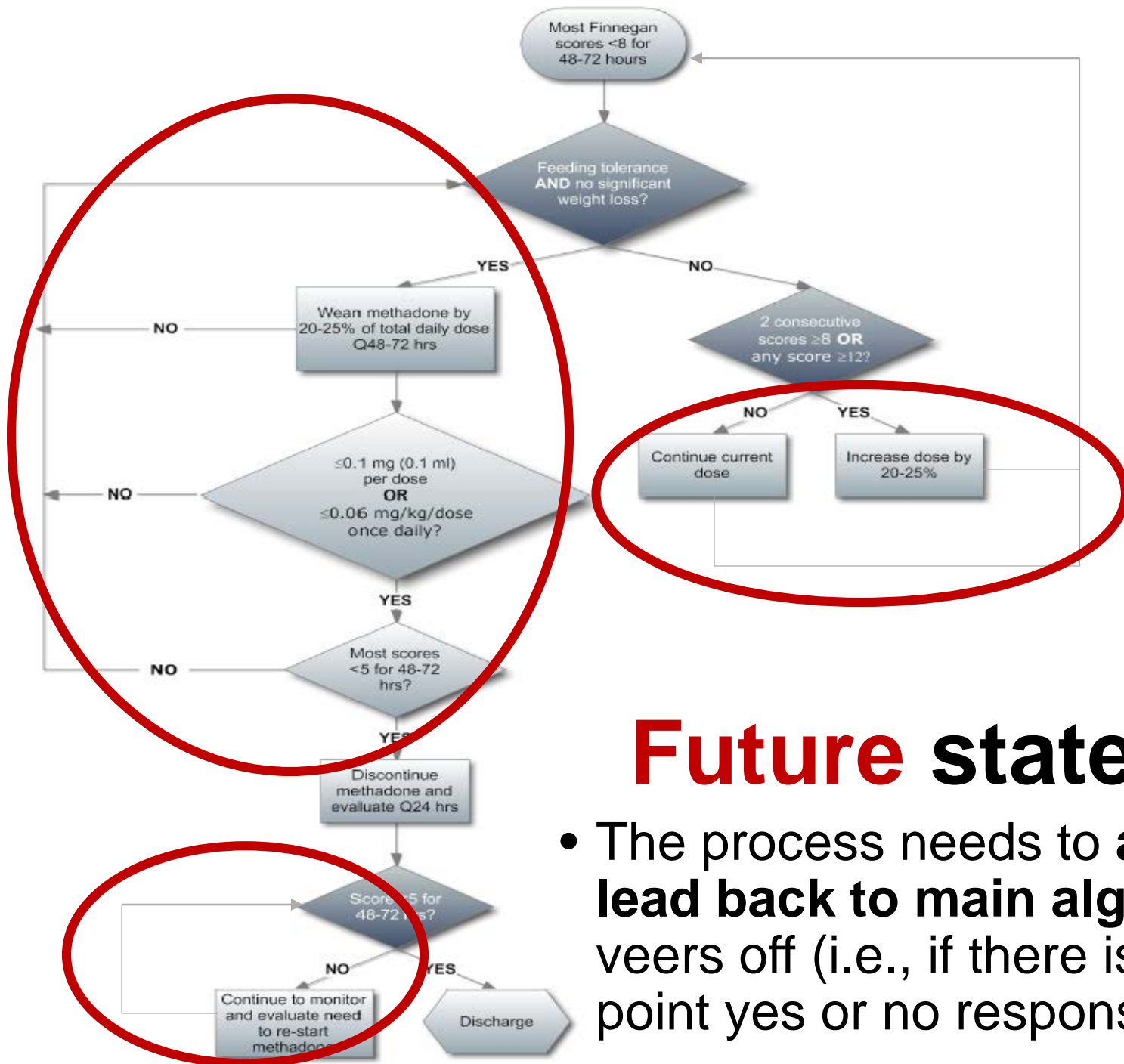
Future state map

- There **ONE** start point & **ONE** stop point



Future state map

- Every decision point (i.e., question) has only **ONE** response – **ONE** yes or **ONE** no



Future state map

- The process needs to **always lead back to main algorithm** if veers off (i.e., if there is a decision point yes or no response)

Tips on mapping

- “Walk” or observe the outlined process
- Sketch your map (sticky notes, butcher paper)
→ use an online application to create a Process map

Microsoft Word™, Excel™

- <https://www.wikihow.com/Create-a-Process-Flowchart>

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- <https://www.lucidchart.com/>

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