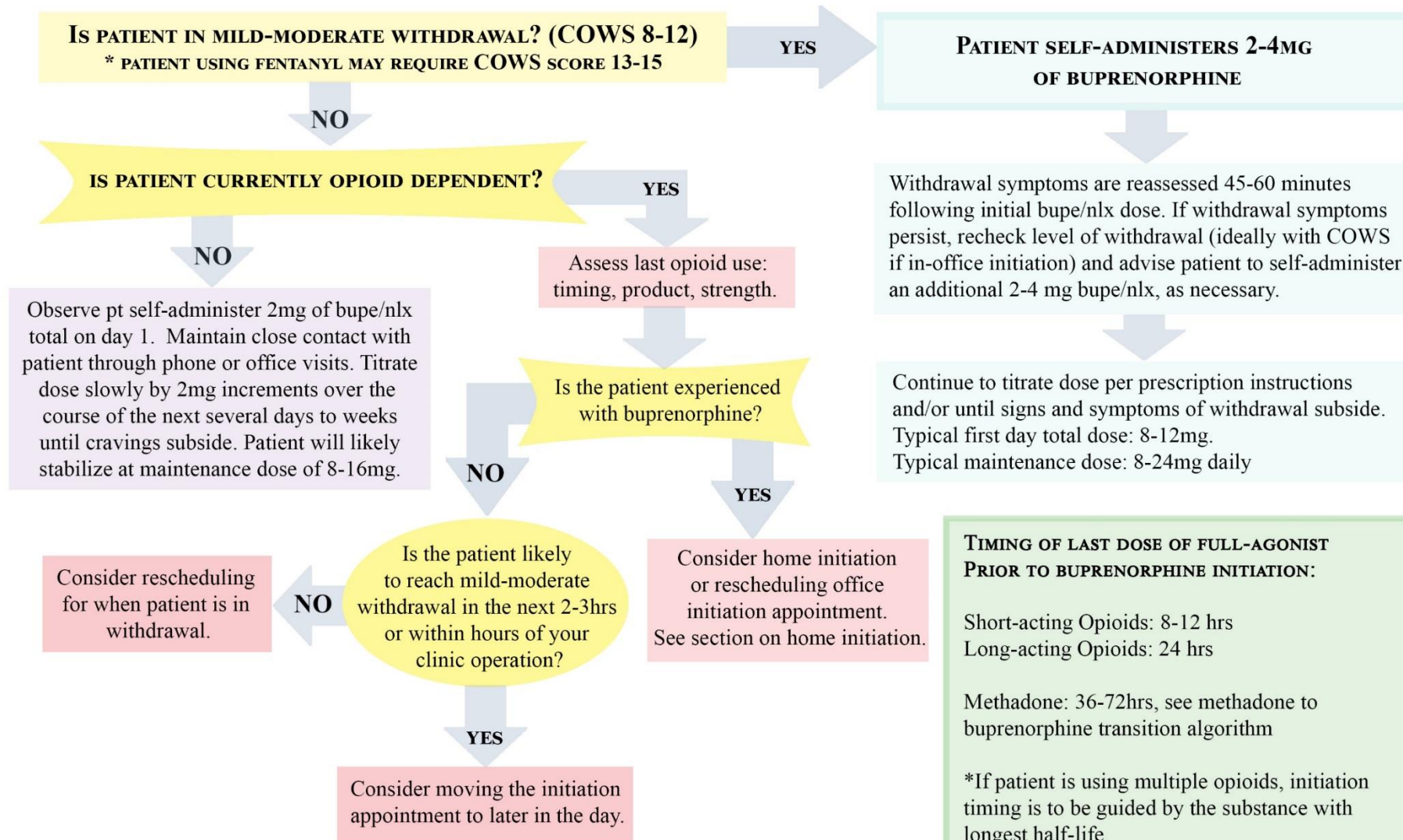


# BUPRENORPHINE INITIATION



**TIMING OF LAST DOSE OF FULL-AGONIST PRIOR TO BUPRENORPHINE INITIATION:**

Short-acting Opioids: 8-12 hrs  
Long-acting Opioids: 24 hrs

Methadone: 36-72hrs, see methadone to buprenorphine transition algorithm

\*If patient is using multiple opioids, initiation timing is to be guided by the substance with longest half-life.

\*\* Patients self-maintaining on buprenorphine (as evidenced by UTS and self-report) may not present in withdrawal due to the long half-life of the medication. Risk of precipitated withdrawal is exceptionally low in these patients.

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