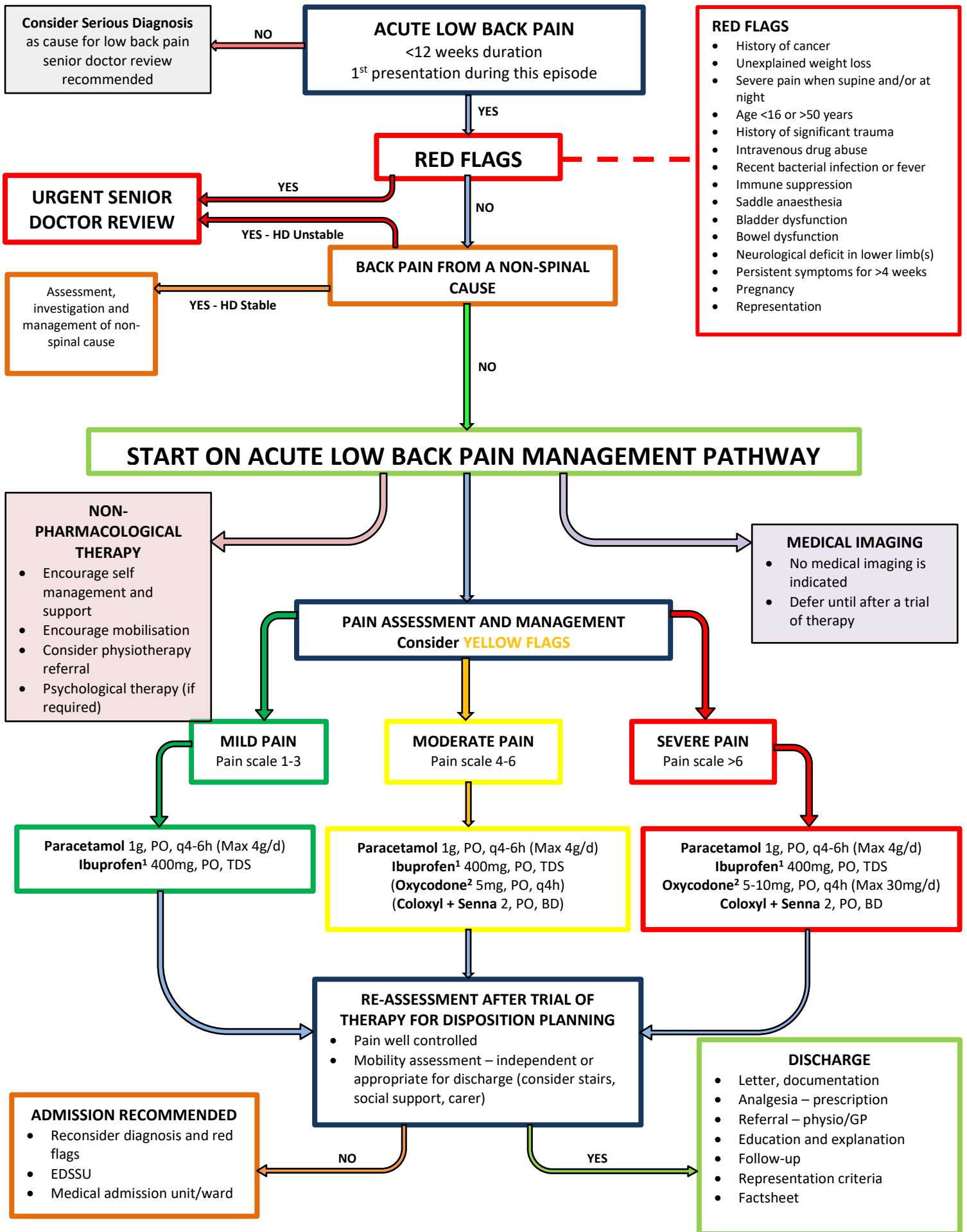


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¹ Caution with non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug prescription in elderly (>75 years), renal dysfunction, peptic ulcer disease, asthma. Alternatively a COX-2 (cyclooxygenase 2) inhibitor may be used. Caution in patients with congestive cardiac failure in addition to the above cautions.

² Reduce dose to Oxycodone 2.5mg, orally, q4-6h, in elderly, >75 years