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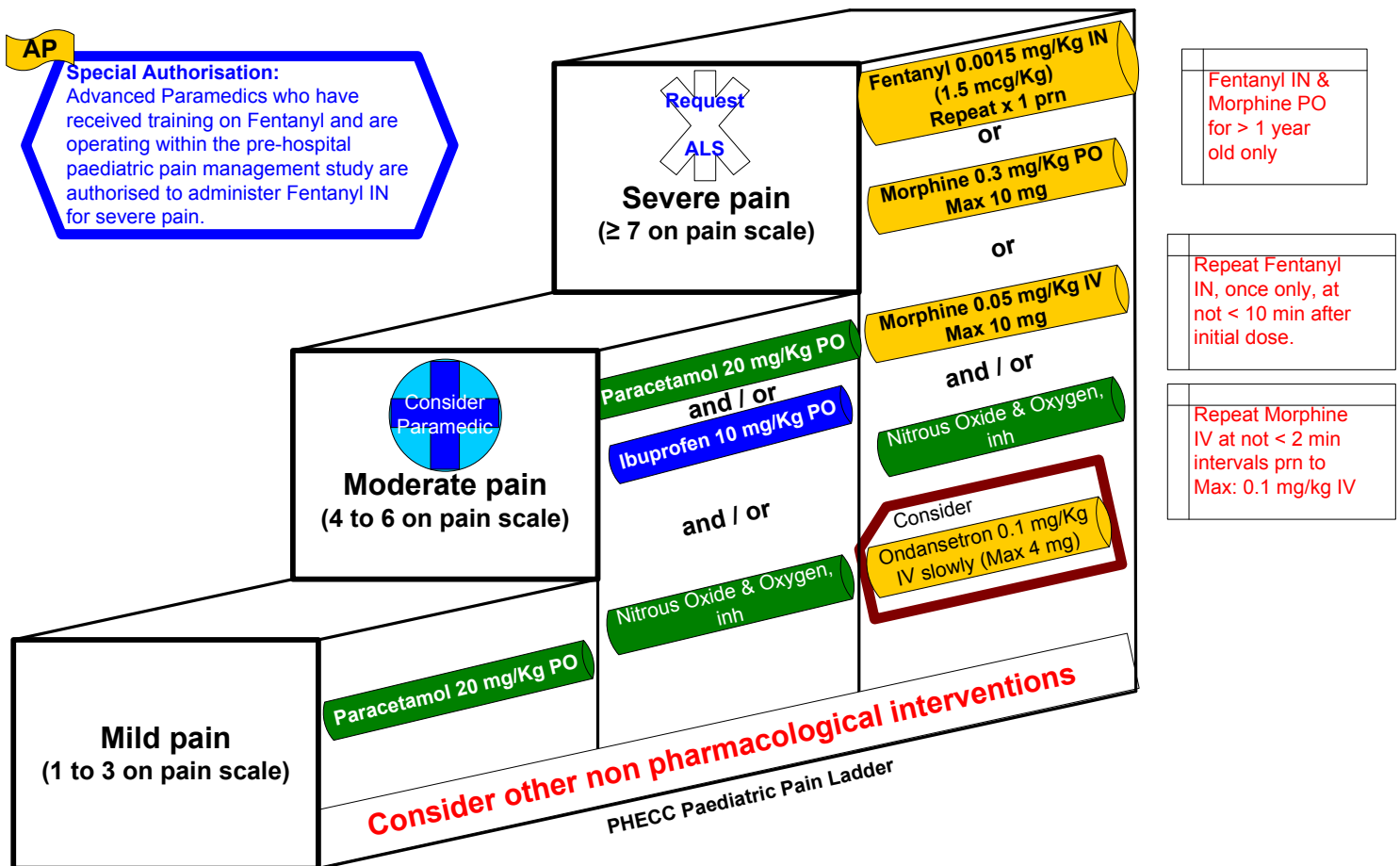
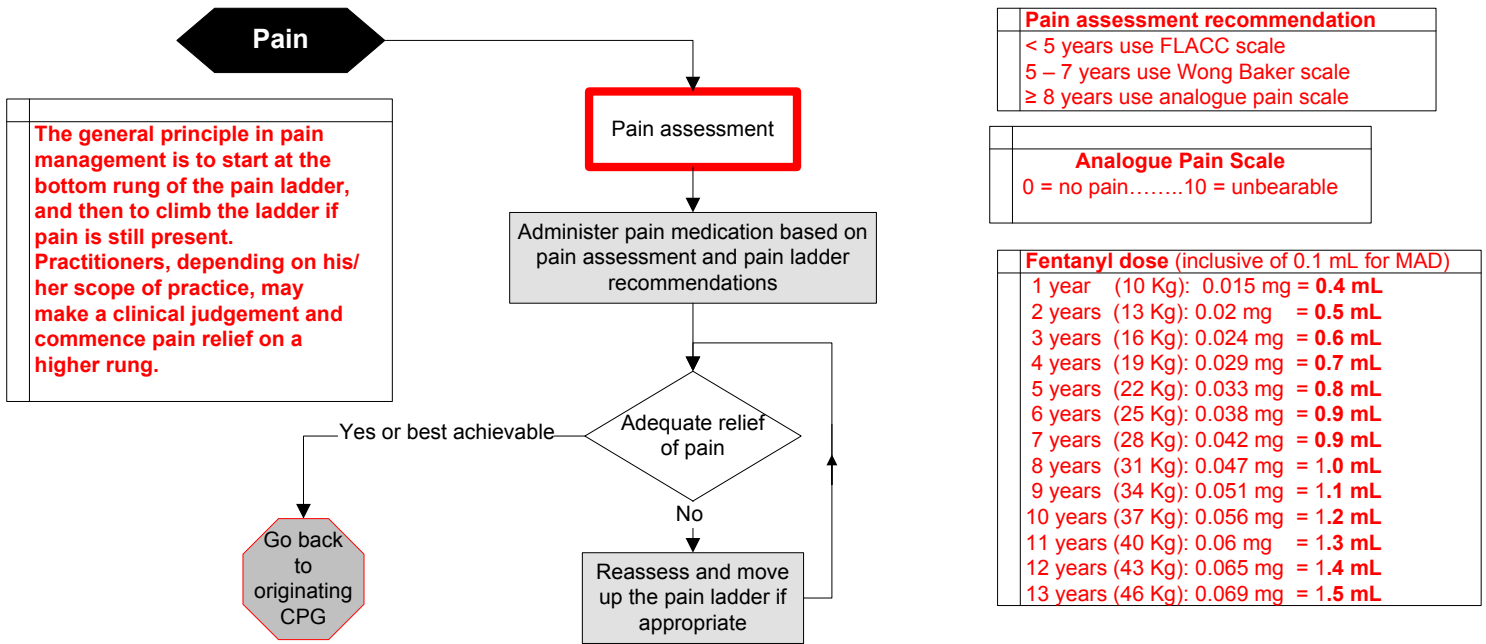


<b>CLINICAL DIRECTIVE 08 /2012</b>
<b>FROM: Medical Director</b>
<b>TO: Advanced Paramedics</b>
<b>SUBJECT: Use of intranasal fentanyl</b> This Clinical Directive authorises Advanced Paramedics to use intranasal fentanyl for paediatric pain management once all of the following conditions are satisfied: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Intranasal fentanyl must be administered in accordance with PHECC CPG 6.2.6S or 6.7.14S</li><li>2. To be authorised to administer intranasal fentanyl, APs must have<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. satisfactorily completed the Paediatric Pain Management online educational module and</li><li>b. presented evidence of successful completion to the relevant Education and Competency Assurance Officer</li></ol></li><li>3. Fentanyl is a Controlled Drug as per the Misuse of Drugs Acts-its use must strictly follow provisions laid down in the NAS Medicines Management Policy-NASCG005</li></ol>
<b>RATIONALE:</b> Intranasal fentanyl in children has been shown to be an effective and safe form of analgesia. The intranasal mode of administration obviates the need for intravenous access, and removes the distress that cannulation sometimes causes in children.
<b>EFFECTIVE FROM:</b> December 21st 2012
<b>EFFECTIVE TO:</b> Indefinite
<b>QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ON THIS DIRECTIVE:</b> Education and Competency Assurance Team

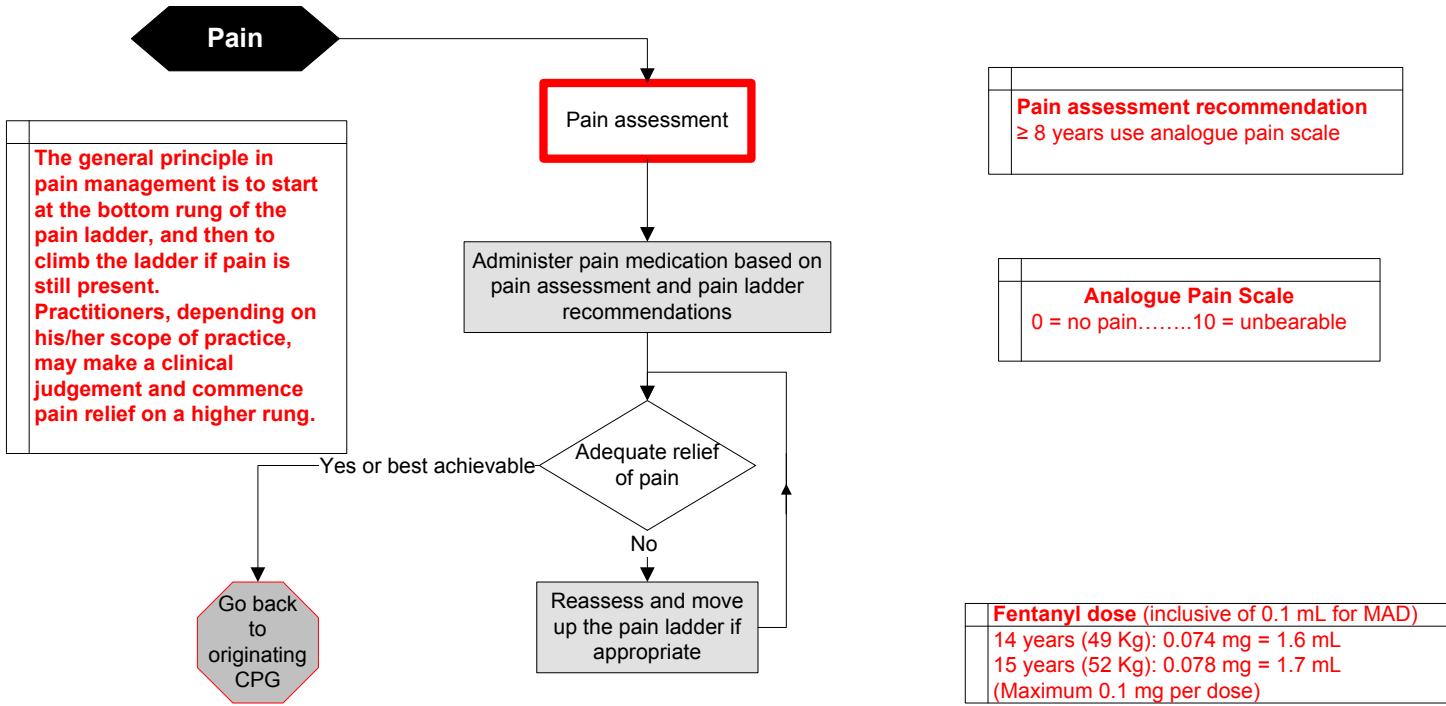
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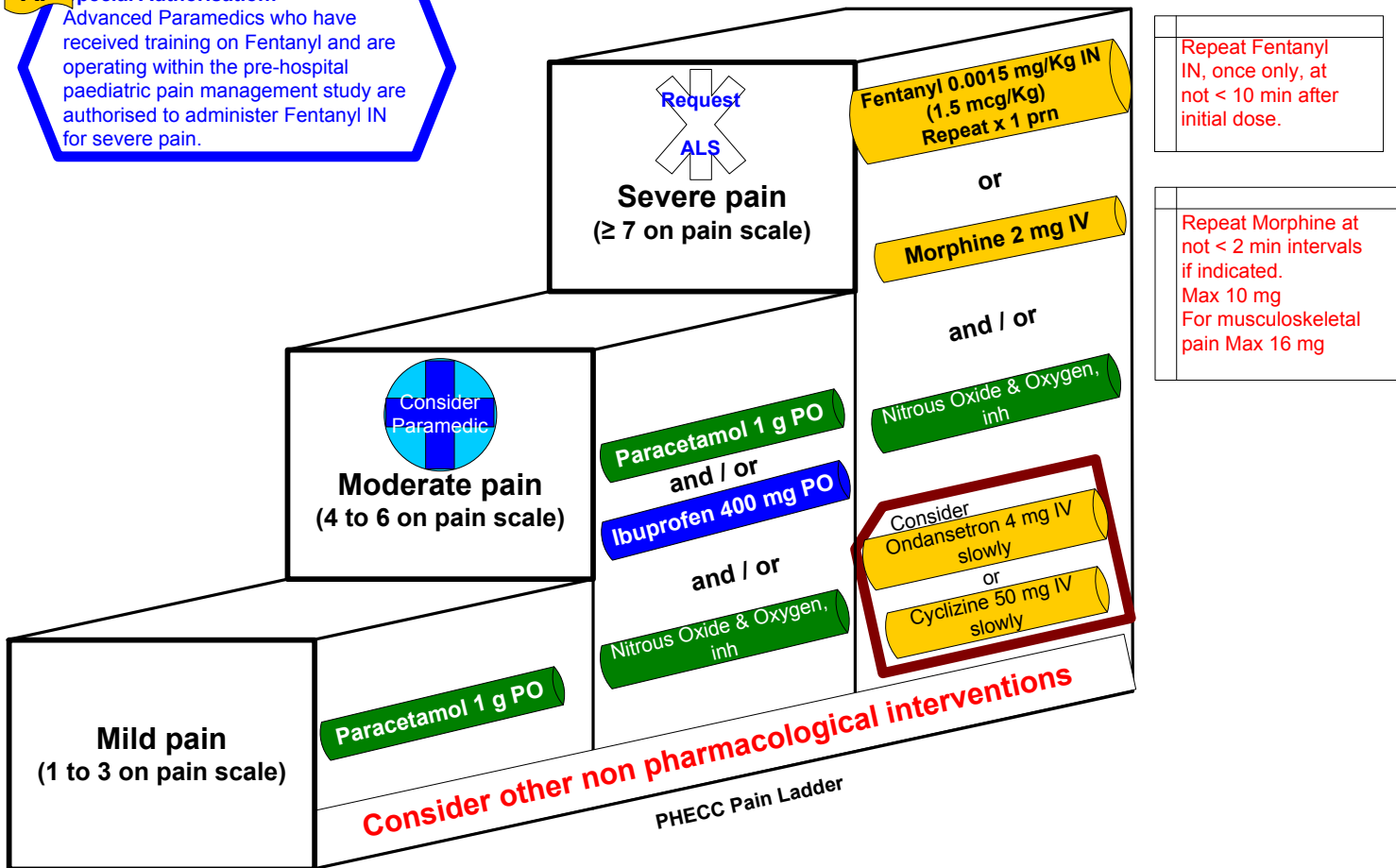
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**AP Special Authorisation:**  
Advanced Paramedics who have received training on Fentanyl and are operating within the pre-hospital paediatric pain management study are authorised to administer Fentanyl IN for severe pain.



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