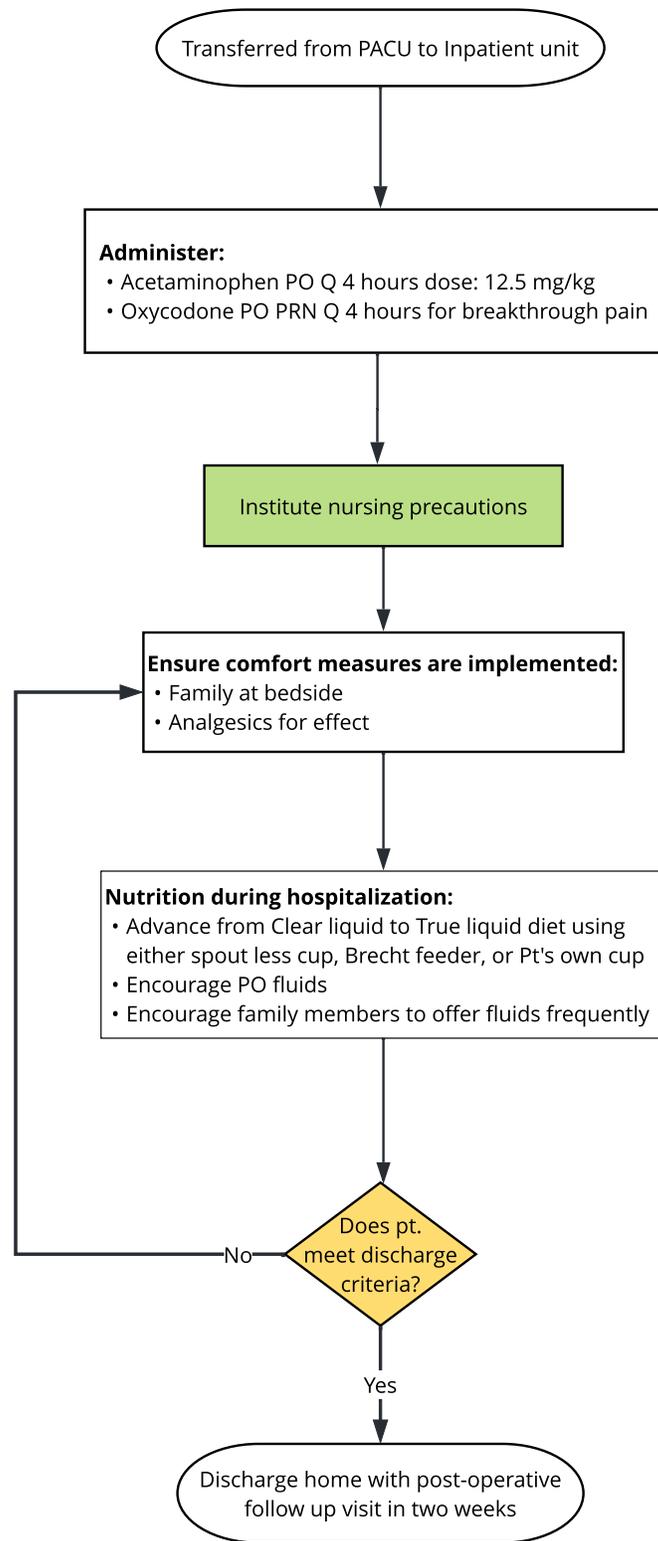




Abbreviations (laboratory & radiology excluded):

Pt = patient
IV = intravenous
PO = by mouth
PACU = Post-anesthesia Care Unit



Nursing precautions:

- No probing in mouth
- No objects (including mouth swabs) in mouth
- Suction only below tongue and mouth gutters
- Keep elbow mobilizers on

Discharge criteria:

- PO intake adequate
- Caregiver comfortable with pts status
- Pts pain controlled by PO medications

Additional algorithms:

- [Prior to Surgery](#)
- [Peri-operative stay](#)