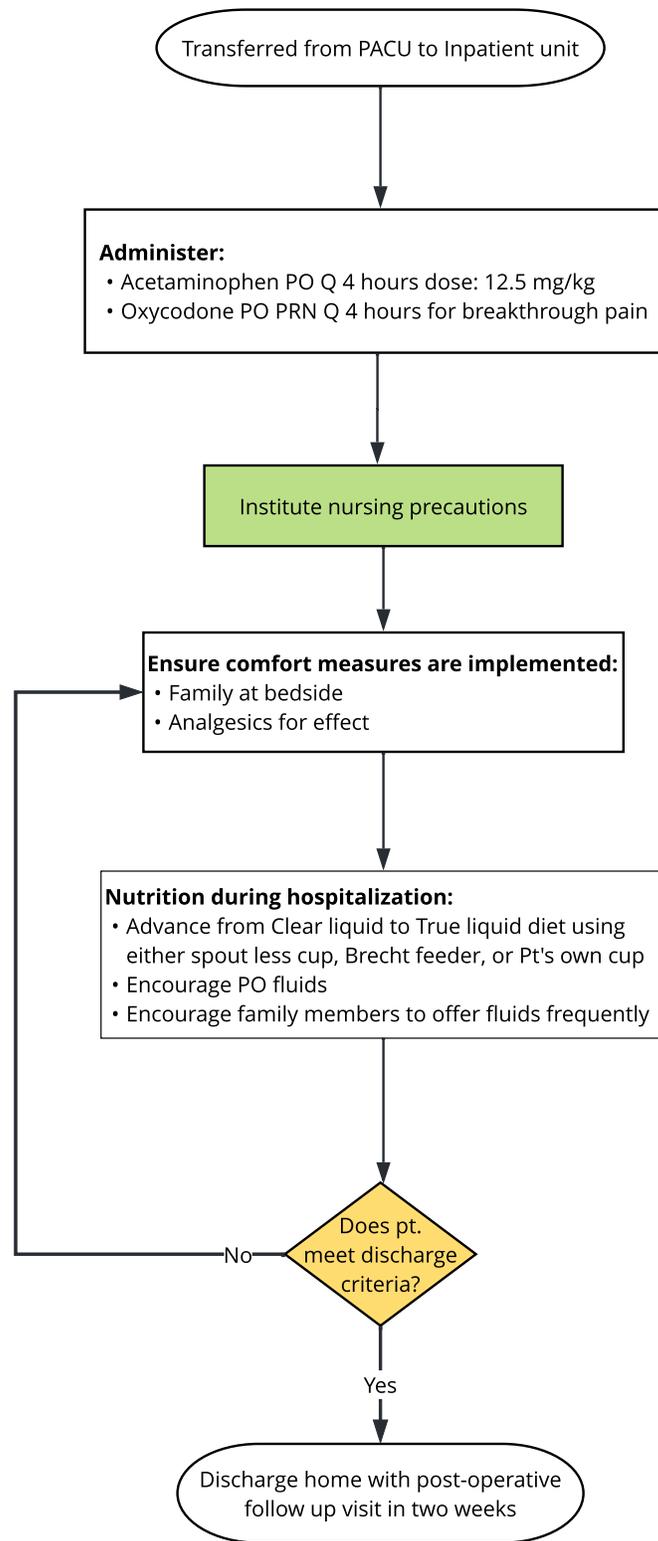


**Abbreviations (laboratory & radiology excluded):**

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](#)