

# Assessing Suitability for Strong Opioid Use

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1.0	July 2020	New guideline.
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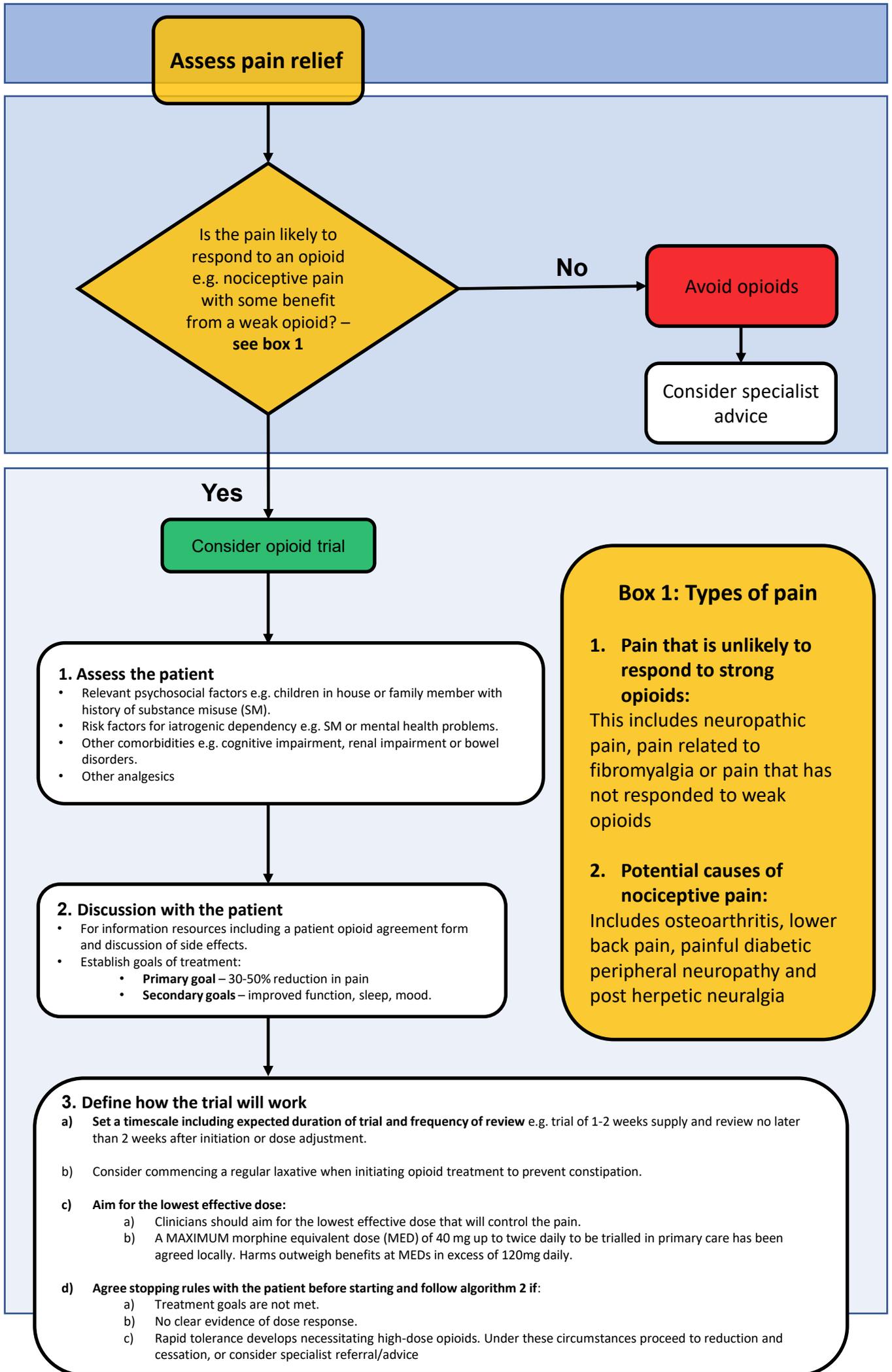
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Algorithm 1 - Assessing suitability of strong opioid use in patients with chronic non-cancer pain for whom other therapies have been insufficient e.g. exercise therapy, manual therapy (e.g. physiotherapy, TENS), self-management techniques and non-opioid analgesics (e.g. simple, topical)



# Assessing Suitability for Strong Opioid Use

For use in patients newly initiated on trials of strong opioids

Algorithm 2 - Monitoring trials of strong opioids in patients with chronic non-cancer pain for whom other therapies have been insufficient e.g. exercise therapy, manual therapy (e.g. physiotherapy, TENS), self-management techniques and non-opioid analgesics (e.g. simple, topical)



**Please note:** at all times before and during opioid treatment signs of iatrogenic substance misuse should be monitored. If problems arise consider early specialist advice.

