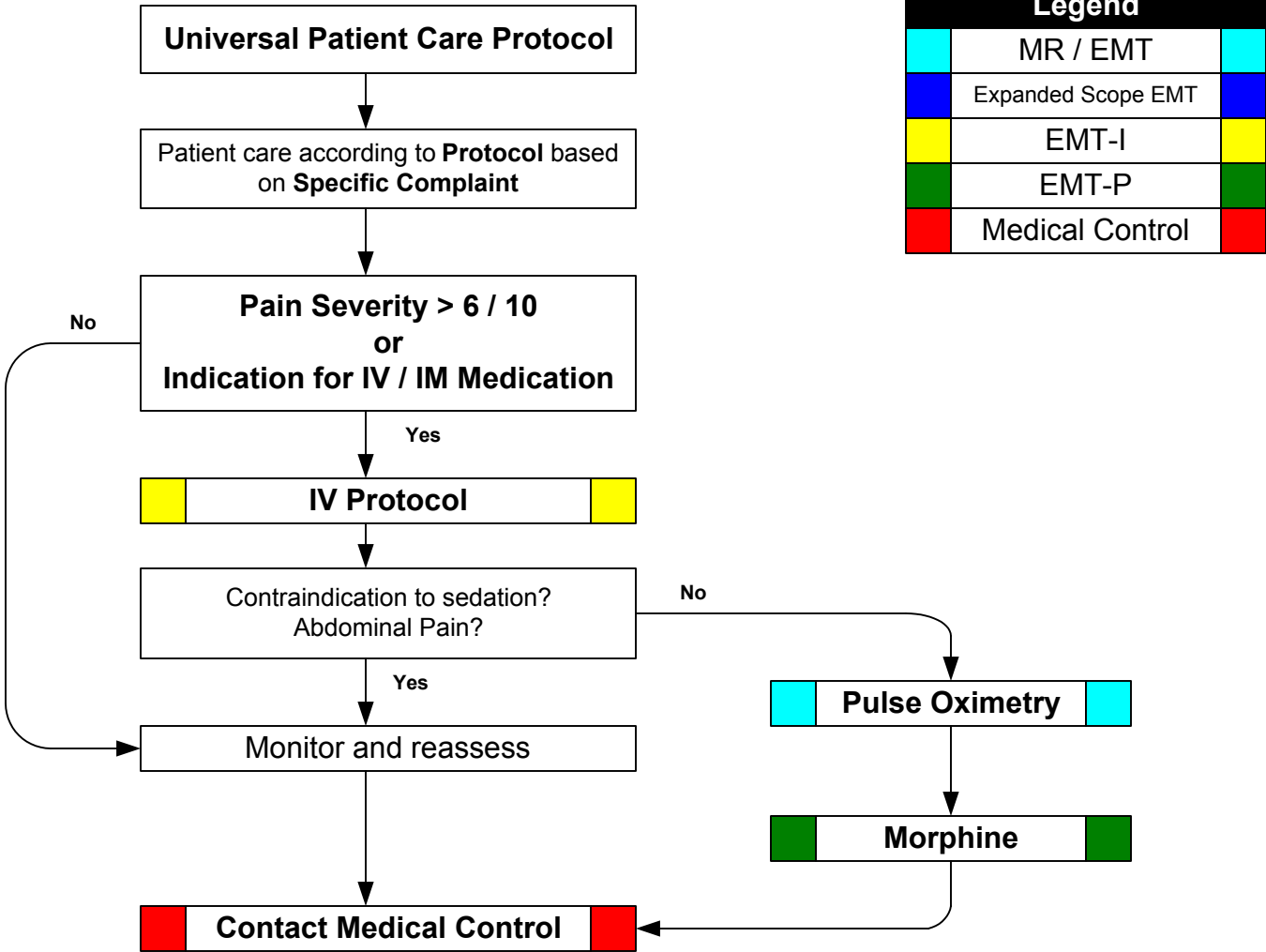


# FORSYTH COUNTY EMS GENERAL PROTOCOLS

## Pain Control

<b>History:</b> * Age * Location * Duration * Severity (1 - 10) * Past medical history * Medications * Drug allergies	<b>Signs and Symptoms:</b> * Severity (pain scale) * Quality (sharp, dull, etc.) * Radiation * Relation to movement, respiration * Increased with palpation of area	<b>Differential:</b> * Per the specific protocol * Musculoskeletal * Visceral (abdominal) * Cardiac * Pleural / Respiratory * Neurogenic * Renal (colic)
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**Pearls:**

- \* Exam: Mental Status, Area of Pain, Neuro
- \* Pain severity (0 - 10) is a vital sign to be recorded pre and post IV or IM medication delivery and at disposition.
- \* Vital signs should be obtained pre and post IV or IM medication delivery and at disposition.
- \* Contraindications for Morphine use include hypotension, head injury, respiratory distress or severe COPD.
- \* **Nubain may be substituted for patients with allergies or other contraindications of Morphine.**
- \* All patients should have drug allergies documented prior to administering pain medications.
- \* All patients who receive IM or IV medications must be observed 15 minutes for drug reaction.
- \* **Contact Medical Control prior to administration of pain meds to multi-trauma patients.**