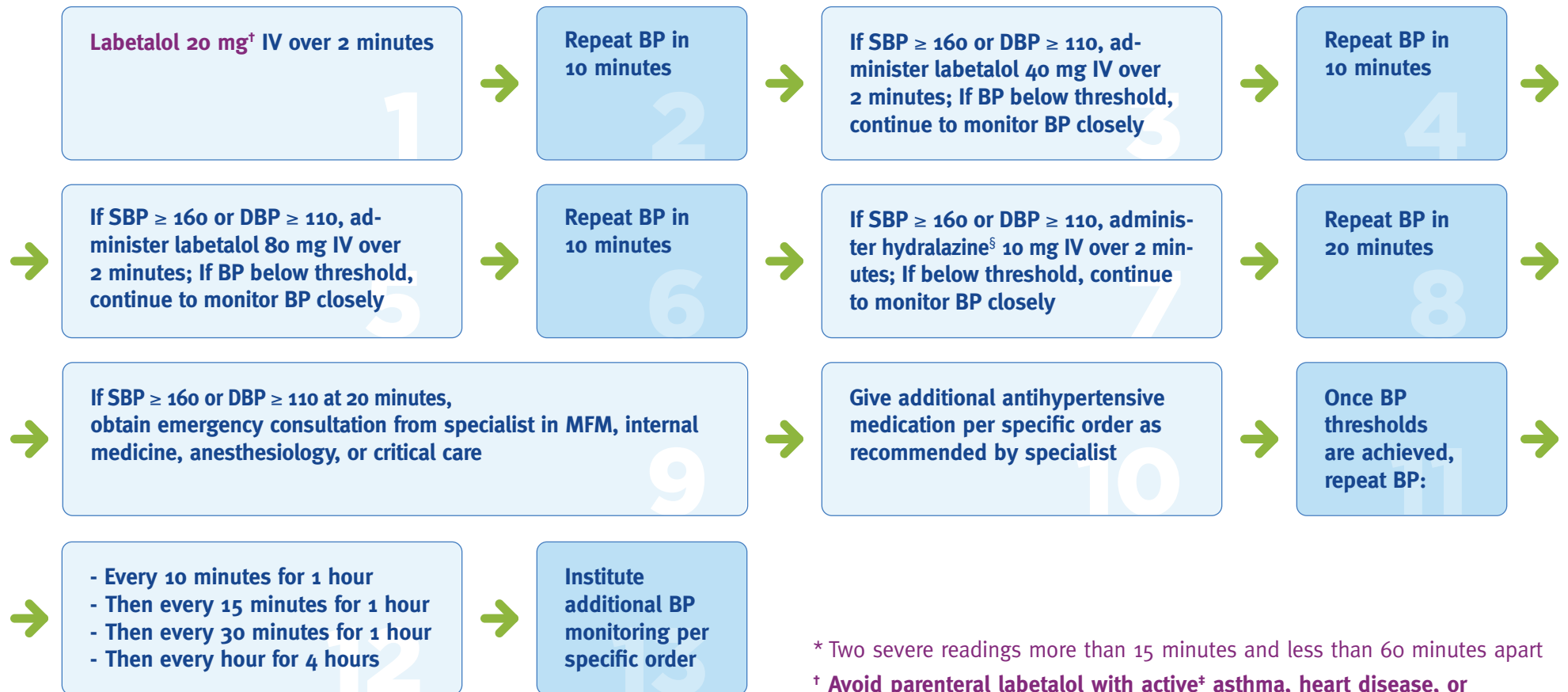


Labetalol Algorithm

EXAMPLE

Trigger: If severe elevations (SBP ≥ 160 or DBP ≥ 110) persist* for 15 min or more **OR** If two severe elevations are obtained within 15 min and tx is clinically indicated



- Notify provider after one severe BP value is obtained
- Institute fetal surveillance if viable
- Hold IV labetalol for maternal pulse under 60
- Maximum cumulative IV-administered dose of labetalol should not exceed 300 mg in 24 hours
- There may be adverse effects and contraindications. Clinical judgement should prevail.

* Two severe readings more than 15 minutes and less than 60 minutes apart

† **Avoid parenteral labetalol with active* asthma, heart disease, or congestive heart failure; use with caution with history of asthma. May cause neonatal bradycardia.**

‡ "Active asthma" is defined as:

- Ⓐ symptoms at least once a week, or
- Ⓑ use of an inhaler, corticosteroids for asthma during the pregnancy, or
- Ⓒ any history of intubation or hospitalization for asthma.

§ Hydralazine may increase risk of maternal hypotension.

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