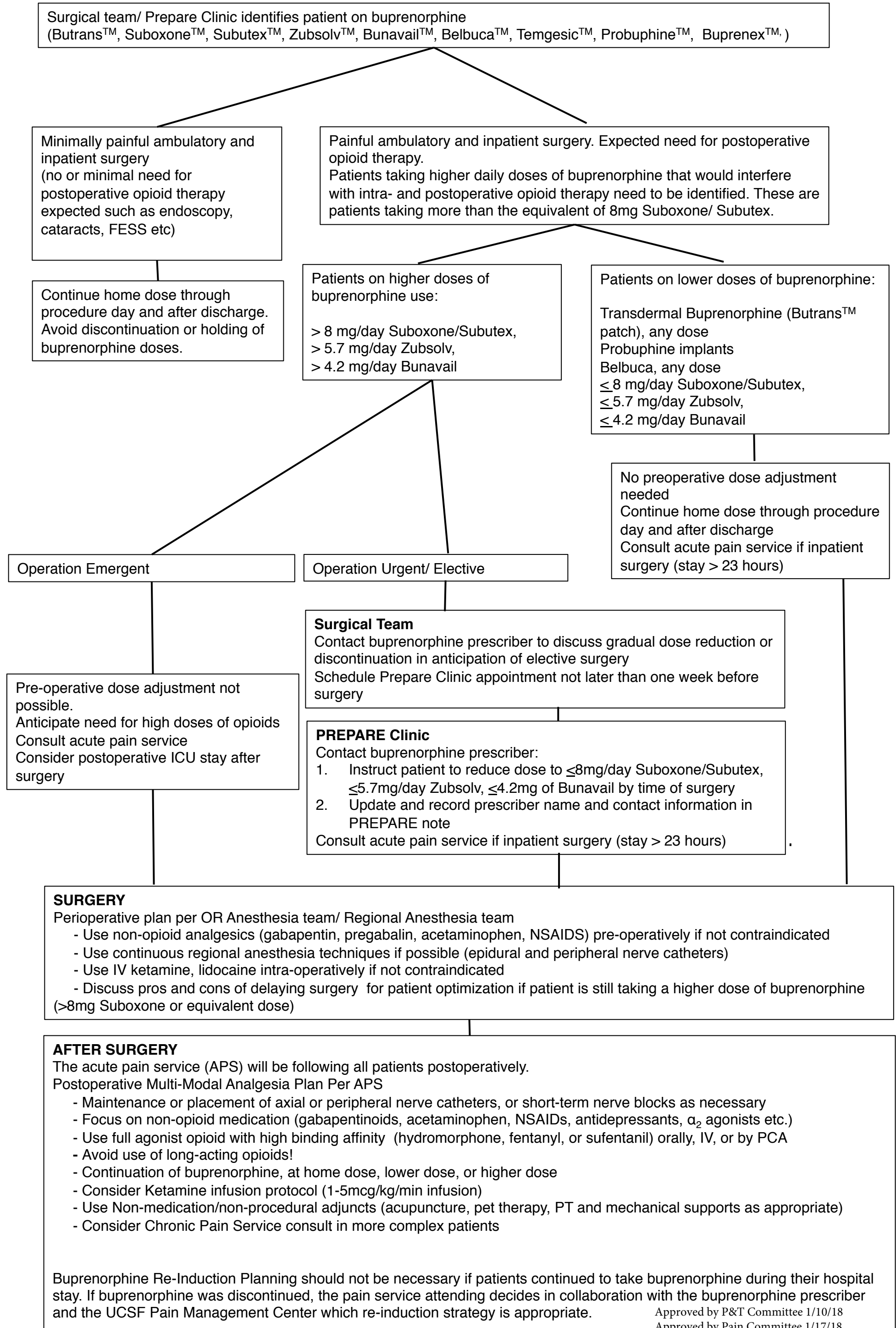


# UCSF Guideline for the Perioperative Management of Buprenorphine

Buprenorphine is a unique opioid that has the highest affinity to the mu receptor than any other clinically-used opioid. For this reason, it can block other opioids from being used, and result in withdrawals if started inappropriately. It requires pre-surgical planning and coordination of teams to avoid major complications.



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