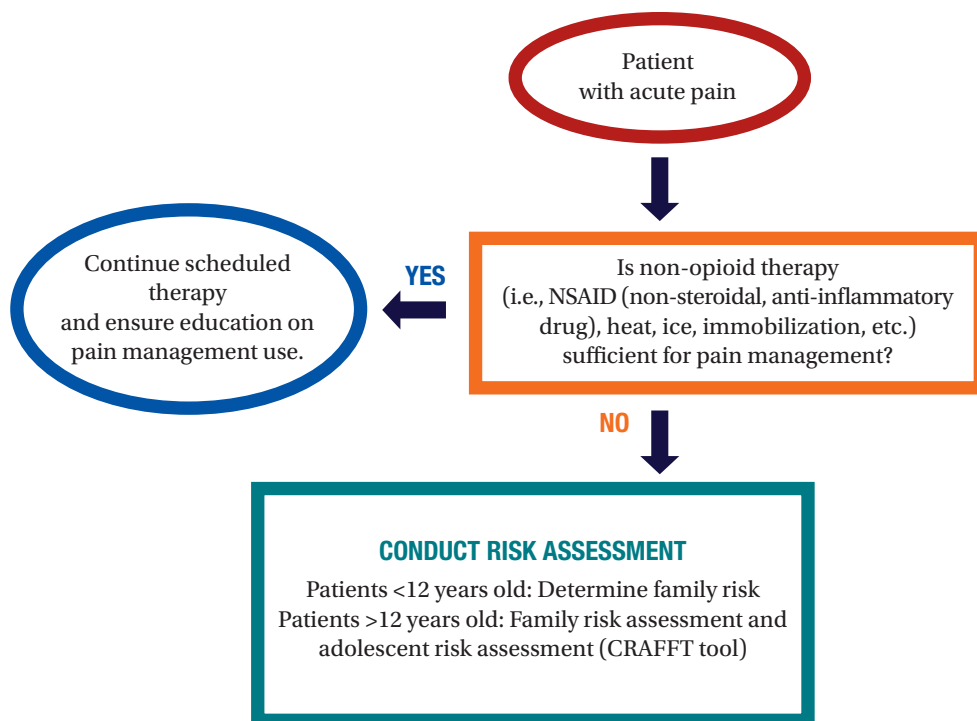


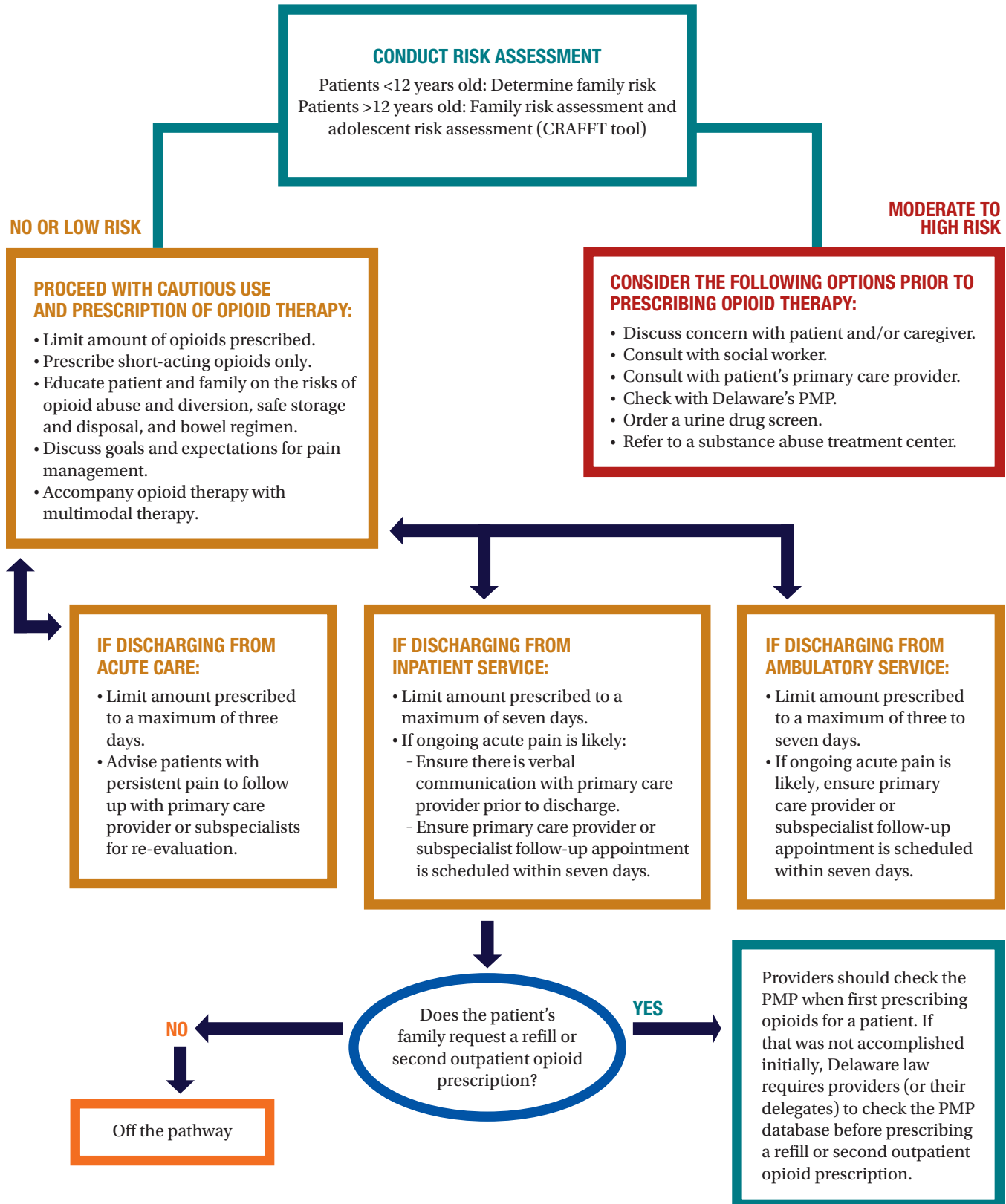
YOUTH PROVIDER OPIOID PRESCRIBING DECISION ALGORITHM

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To give providers a guide for how to evaluate youth and young adults for risk, as well as for how, when, and if to prescribe opioids, this decision algorithm offers useful steps to consider for inpatient, outpatient, and emergency or urgent care situations. Included with this algorithm is a CRAFFT® behavioral health screening tool developed for screening adolescents and young adults, ages 12 to 18, for substance use disorders. The questions are designed to determine whether further assessment and conversation around substance use and risks are warranted. Two or more “yes” answers on any of the nine CRAFFT questions indicates that the patient is at moderate to high risk for opioid misuse.



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Source: Clinical Pathway: Opioid Prescribing Practices; Children's Hospital of Colorado.