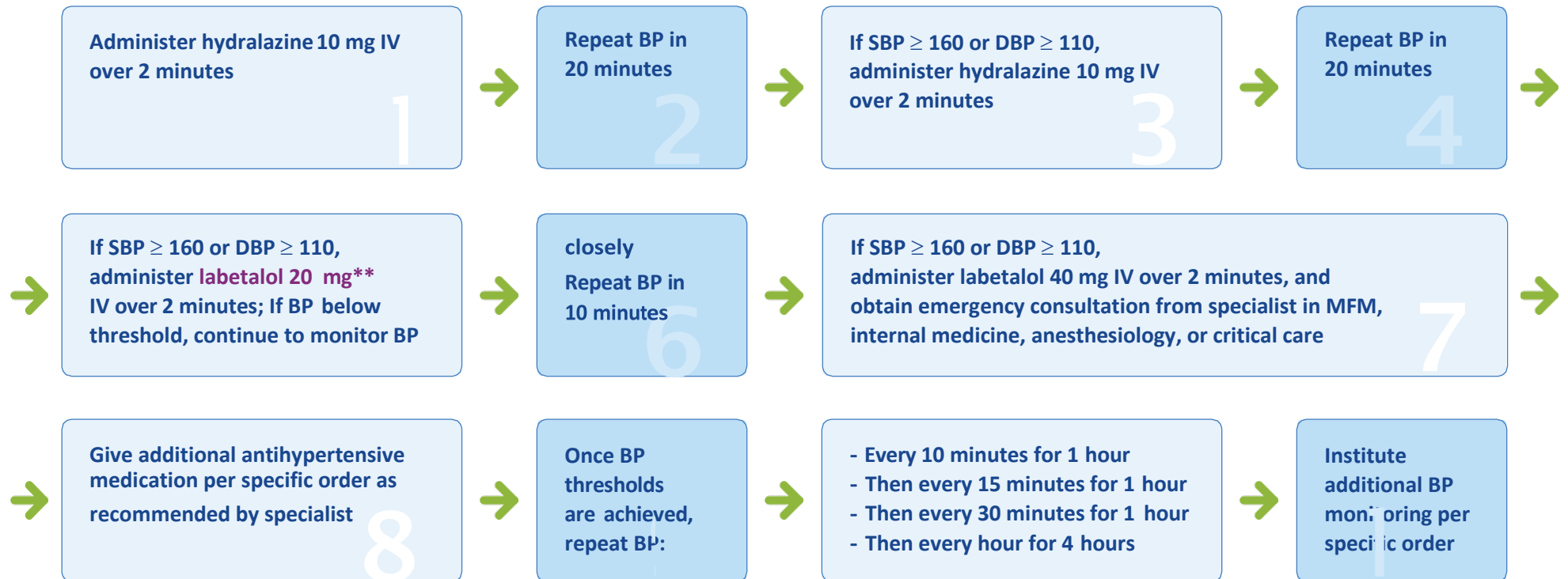


# Hydralazine Algorithm

Trigger: If severe elevations (SBP  $\geq 160$  or DBP  $\geq 110$ ) 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 hydralazine should not exceed 40 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:

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

Hydralazine may increase risk of maternal hypotension.