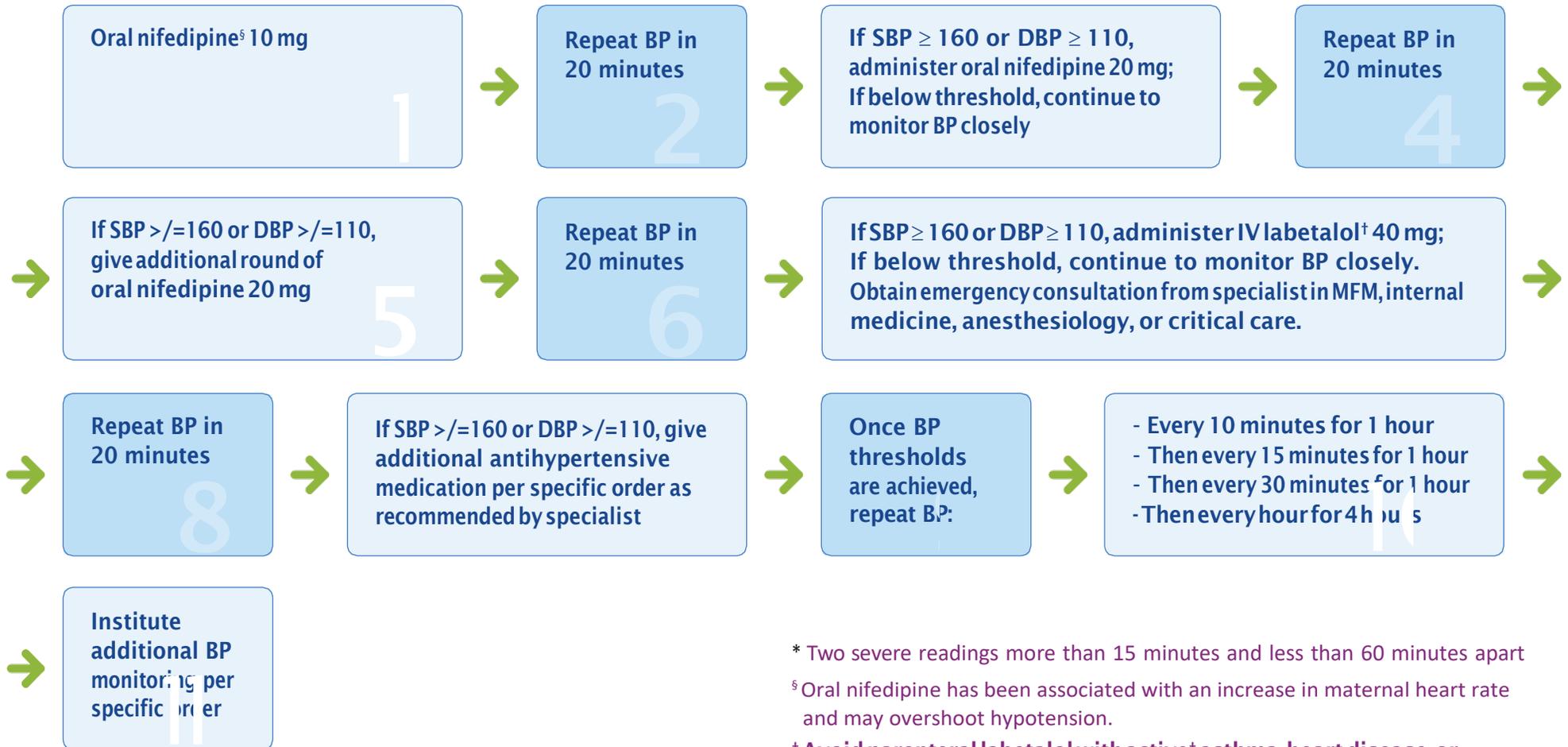


Oral Nifedipine Algorithm

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
- Capsules should be administered orally and not punctured or otherwise administered sublingually
- There may be adverse effects and contraindications. Clinical judgement should prevail.

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

[§] Oral nifedipine has been associated with an increase in maternal heart rate and may overshoot hypotension.

[†] **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.