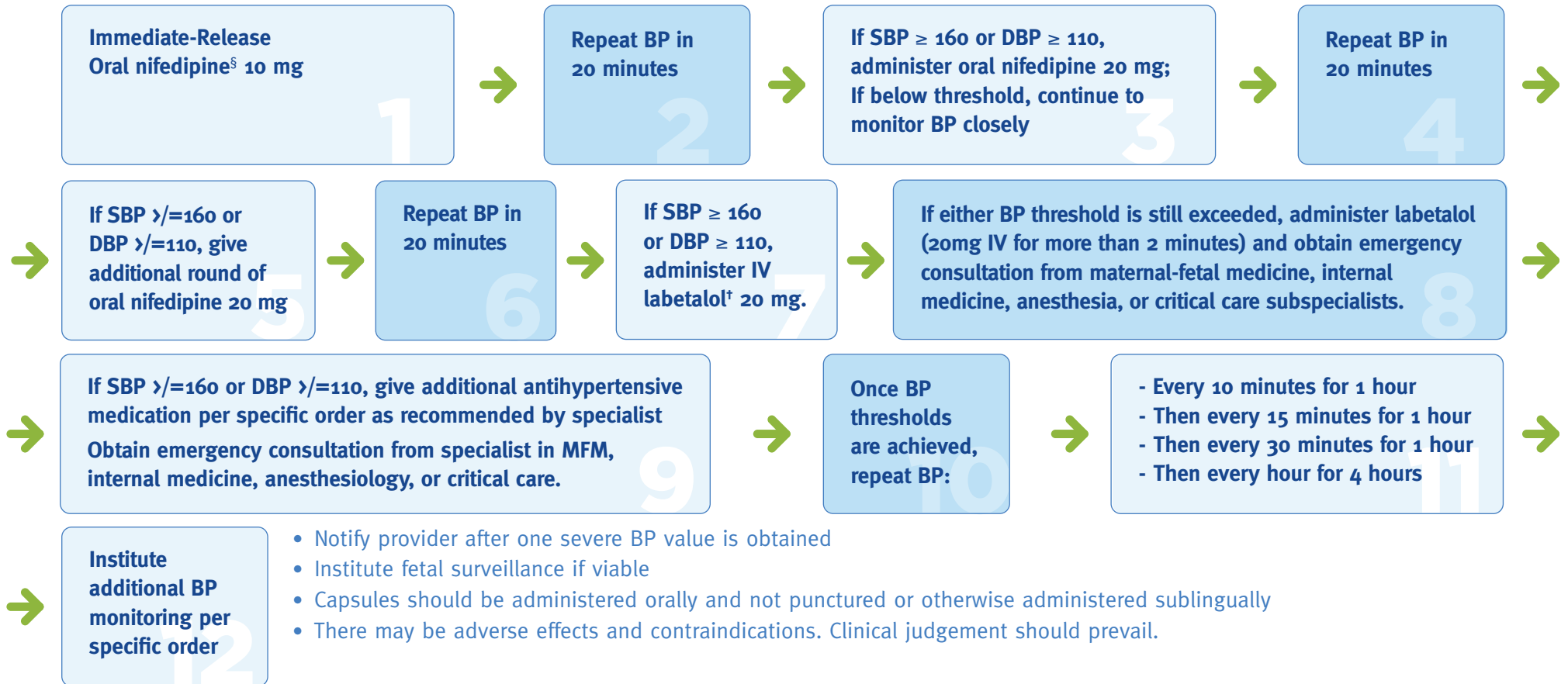


# Immediate-Release Oral Nifedipine Algorithm EXAMPLE

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



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

<sup>§</sup> Immediate-release oral nifedipine has been associated with an increase in maternal heart rate and may overshoot hypotension.

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

<sup>‡</sup> "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.

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