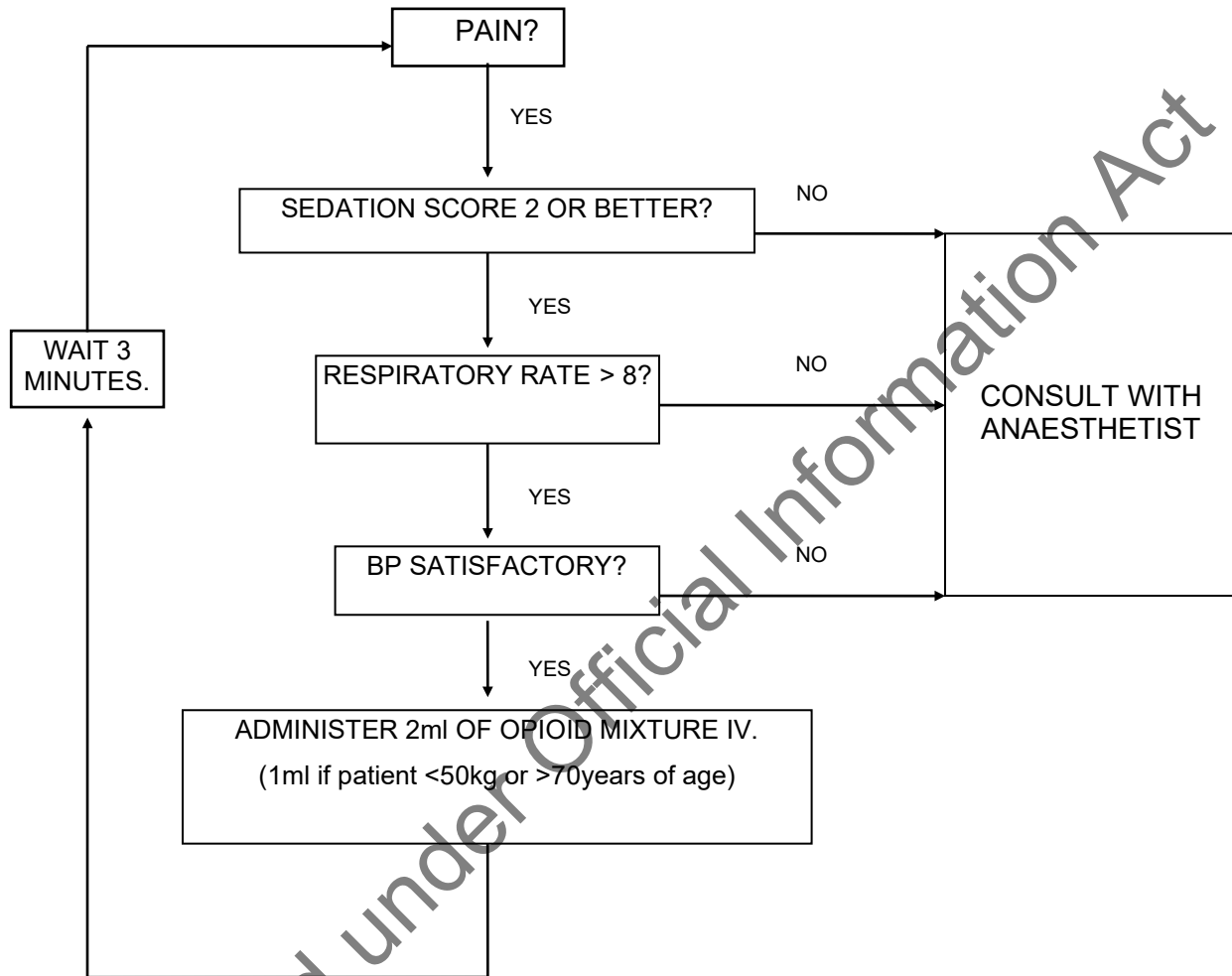




# POSTOPERATIVE PAIN: IV MORPHINE AND IV FENTANYL IN ADULTS



**OPIOID MIXTURES**

MORPHINE 10mg in 10ml (1mg/ml);

or

FENTANYL 100microg in 10ml (10microg/ml).

Prepare 10ml syringe using 0.9% sodium chloride (normal saline) as diluent

**SEDATION SCORES**

1. Nil. - Awake, alert.
2. Mild. - Asleep but rouses to voice.
3. Mod. - Asleep but rouses to touch.
4. Severe - Asleep/unrousable.

- Recovery staff to notify Anaesthetist if patient remains in pain after one entire (10ml) syringe is administered.  
Consider NSAIDs or local anaesthetic technique.
- Patient to remain in PACU for minimum of 15 minutes after last opioid dose.

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