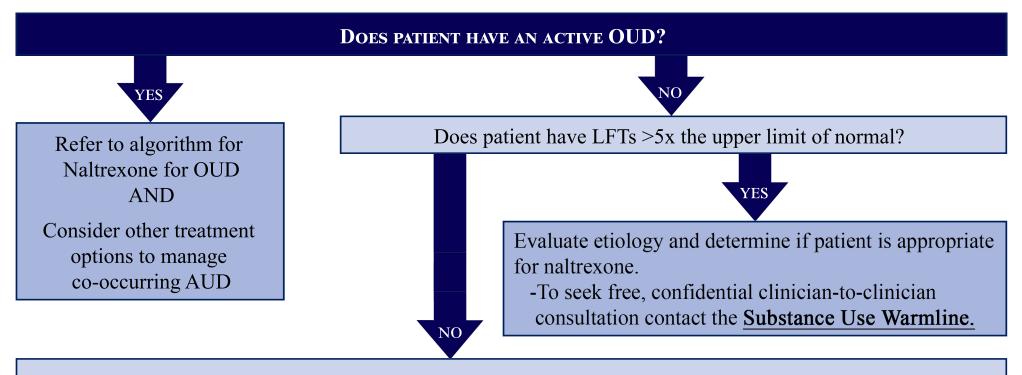
Naltrexone Initiation for Alcohol Use Disorder *



Oral and injectable naltrexone are FDA approved for AUD however the injectable formulation is preferred due to improved adherence with limited side effects.

For oral naltrexone: Consider initiating at 25mg daily for up to 1 week to minimize GI side effects before increasing to a maintenance dose of 50mg daily.

For injectable naltrexone: Initiate process for ordering extended-release naltrexone following REMS guidance.

- Consider short trial of oral naltrexone prior to injection to ensure no adverse effects or precipitated withdrawal.
- **Injection day:** If there is any concern patient may have recently used opioids, obtain drug urine screen and/or naltrexone challenge to avoid precipitated withdrawal.
- Provide emergency alert identification. Administer IM injection per package insert.
- Weekly check-ins recommended initially; decrease frequency with stabilization.

^{*} Naltrexone does not treat symptoms of alcohol withdrawal. Alcohol withdrawal can be severe and life threatening. It is imperative to utilize clinical judgement to determine if a patient is medically stable to undergo treatment in an outpatient setting prior to initiating treatment