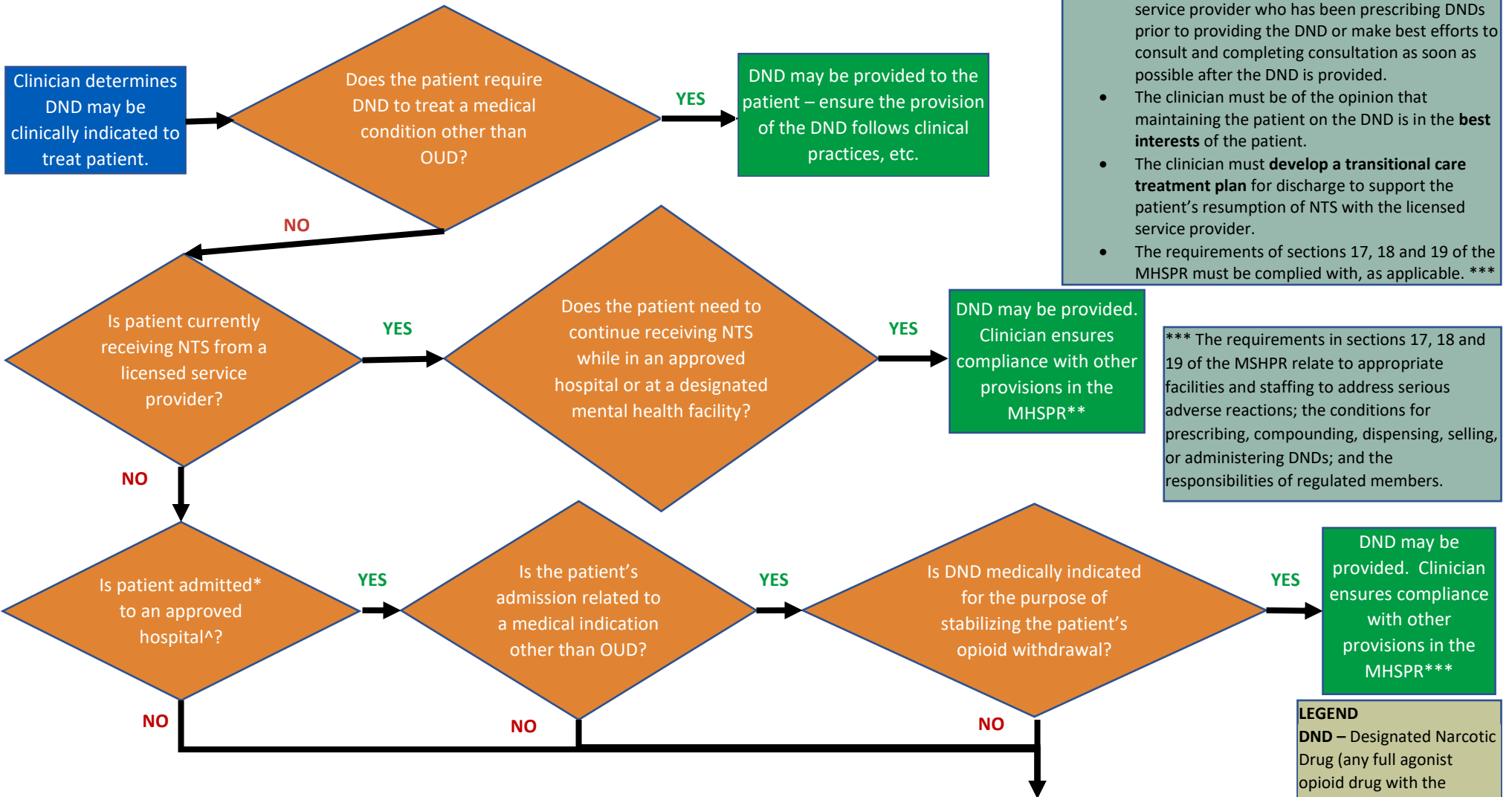


Flowchart: Provision of Designated Narcotic Drug outside of an AHS ODP Clinic
Licensed to provide NTS – January 2024
Mental Health Services Protection Regulation (MHSPR)



** The following additional requirements must be met to permit a patient to continue to receive NTS:

- The clinician must **consult** with the licensed service provider who has been prescribing DNDs prior to providing the DND or make best efforts to consult and completing consultation as soon as possible after the DND is provided.
- The clinician must be of the opinion that maintaining the patient on the DND is in the **best interests** of the patient.
- The clinician must **develop a transitional care treatment plan** for discharge to support the patient's resumption of NTS with the licensed service provider.
- The requirements of sections 17, 18 and 19 of the MHSPR must be complied with, as applicable. ***

*** The requirements in sections 17, 18 and 19 of the MHSPR relate to appropriate facilities and staffing to address serious adverse reactions; the conditions for prescribing, compounding, dispensing, selling, or administering DNDs; and the responsibilities of regulated members.

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DND – Designated Narcotic Drug (any full agonist opioid drug with the exception of opioid agonist treatment medications (buprenorphine, methadone, or slow-release oral morphine)
Licensed service provider = AHS ODP Clinic
NTS – Narcotic Transition Services
OUD – Opioid Use Disorder

* The hospital-based exemptions in the MHSPR do not apply until a patient has been formally admitted as an inpatient of an approved hospital. For the purpose of the MHSPR, a patient is considered to be admitted to an approved hospital when they have been assigned a most responsible practitioner (either emergency department physician or consulting physician) and are at or beyond the assessment phase of the [ED Patient Journey Map](#).

- DND should only be prescribed when the ED patient has been assigned a most responsible practitioner, and that practitioner believes there is a risk to the person's receipt of appropriate treatment if the medication is delayed until the person is admitted as an inpatient.

DND cannot be provided. Consider OAT medication and **RAAPID Consultation**. Consider consultation with a licensed NTS provider as appropriate.

^The current listing of approved hospitals is available online at: [Consolidated schedule of approved hospitals \(Ministerial Order 31/2015\) - Open Government \(alberta.ca\)](#)