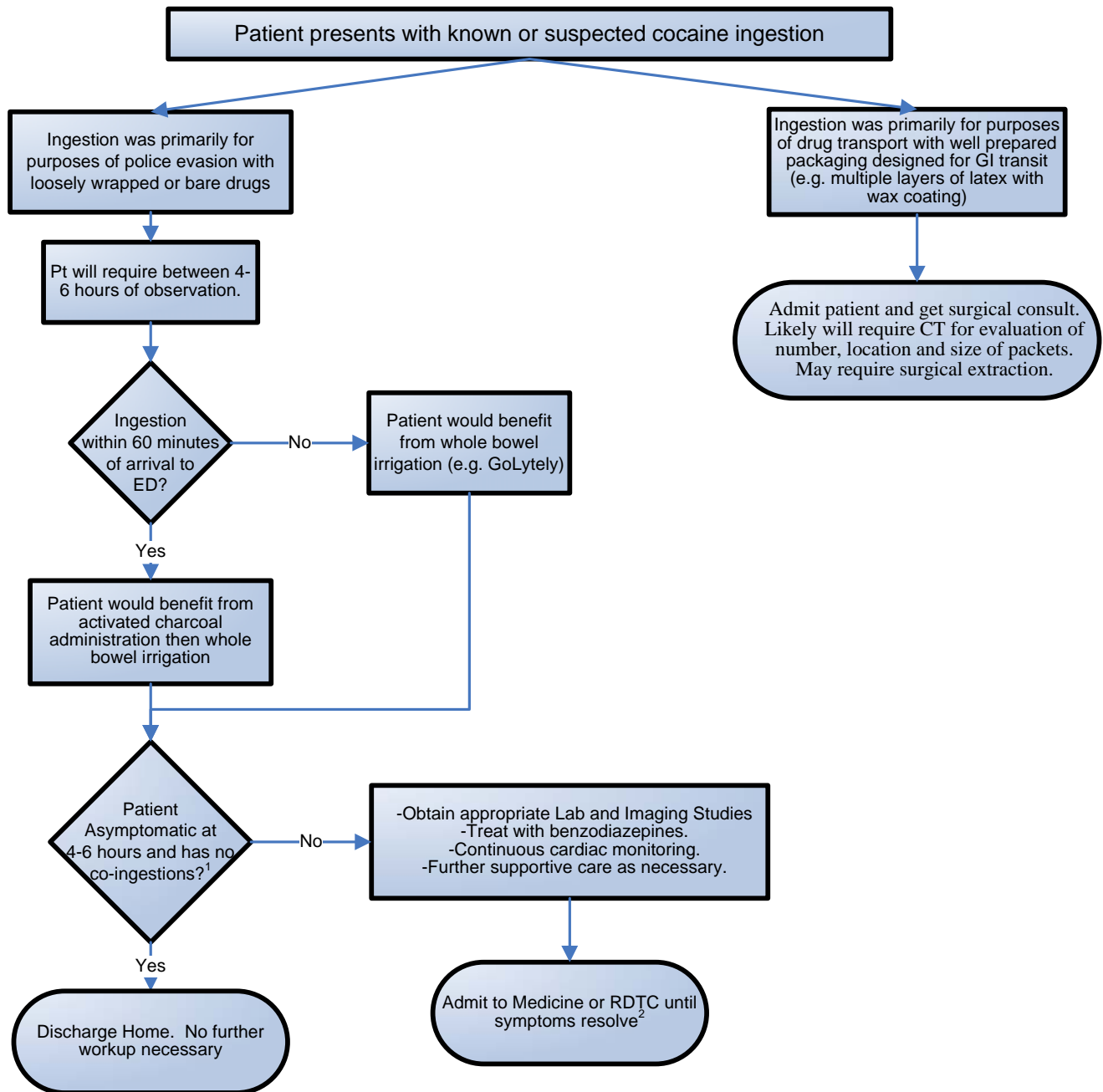


EmergencyKT: Cocaine Body Stuffers



¹ Symptoms from ingestion:
 -tachycardia
 -hypertension
 -seizures
 -chest pain
 -diaphoresis
 -agitation
 Or
 Co-ingestions (especially with alcohol due to cocaethylene metabolite)

² Arrhythmias, MI or seizures should go to CCU or MICU

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