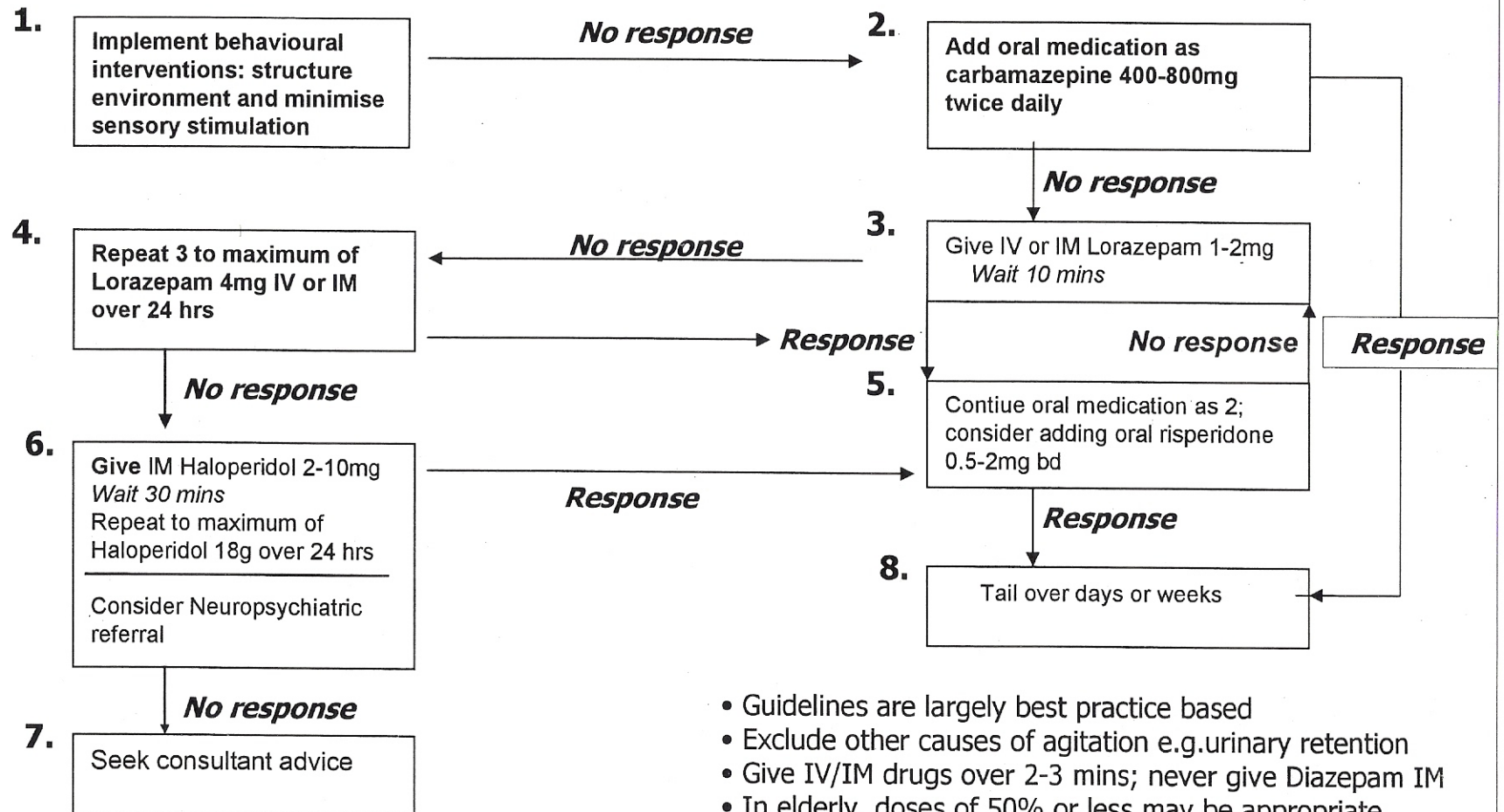


## Management of Post-traumatic Amnesia/Confusion

### Rapid Control of Acute Agitation



- Guidelines are largely best practice based
- Exclude other causes of agitation e.g. urinary retention
- Give IV/IM drugs over 2-3 mins; never give Diazepam IM
- In elderly, doses of 50% or less may be appropriate
- Guidelines do not apply to later maladaptive behaviour after brain injury
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