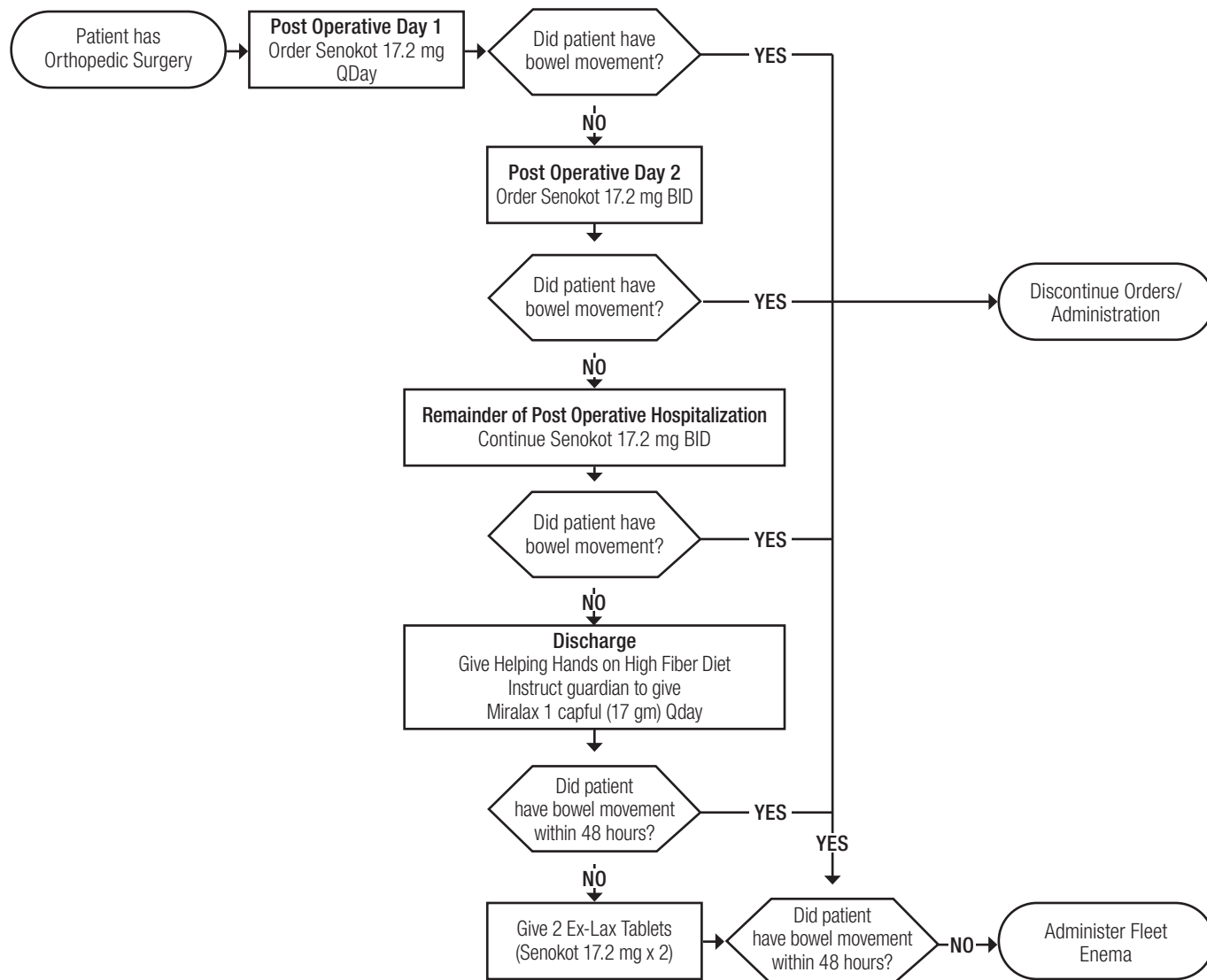


Plan for Bowel Management Following Spine Surgery in Pediatric Patients

A quality improvement study found that constipation and prevention of constipation is more manageable for providers and families with the step-wise management of post-operative GI symptoms in patients receiving peri-operative narcotic analgesics. As emergency department visits and re-admissions are drastically reduced, patients and families are spared the additional healthcare costs and inconvenience of returning to a medical facility after discharge.



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