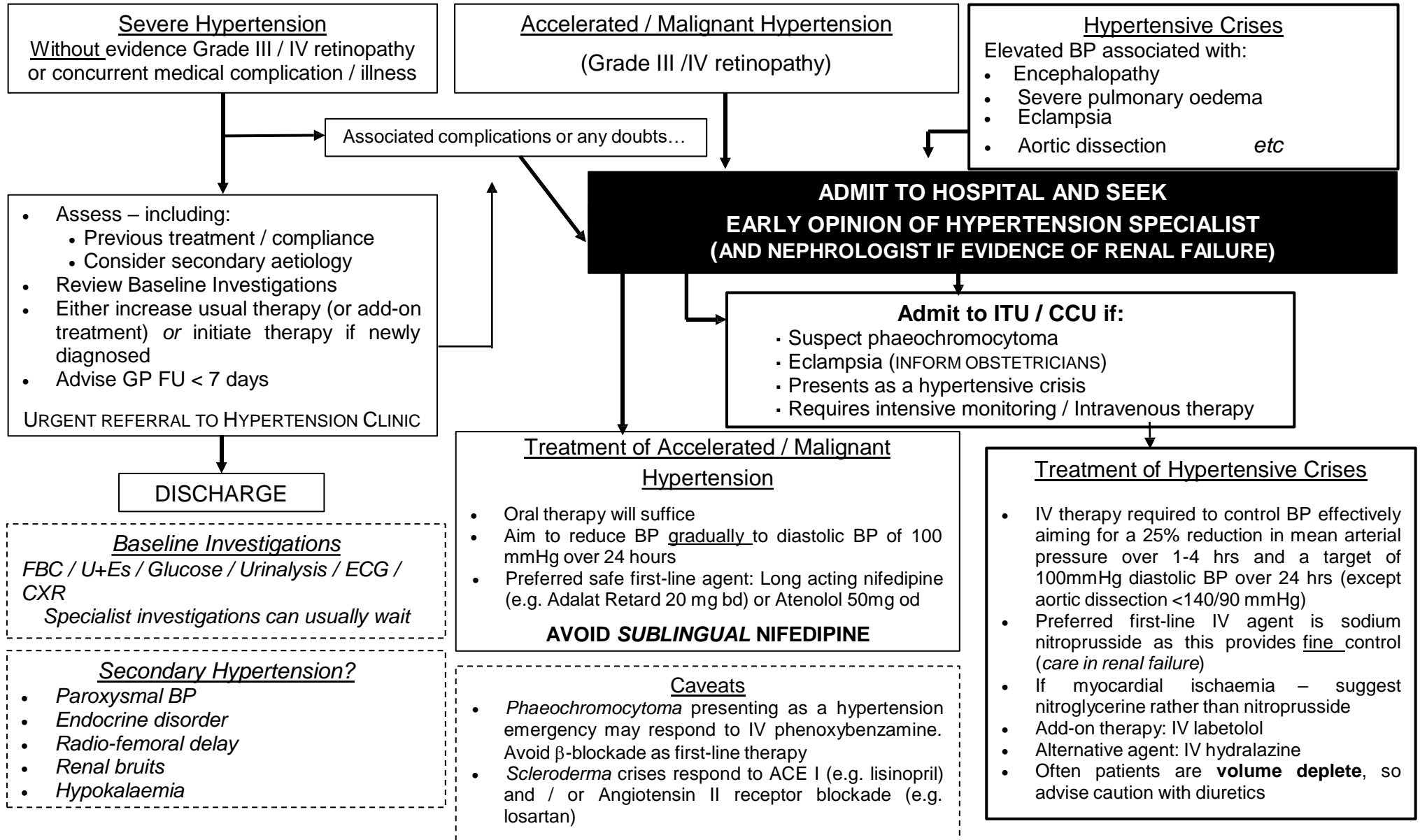


Elevated BP >220/120 mmHg or recent sudden rise



Nursing Interventions

- Baseline Observations:

Blood pressure

Pulse

Respirations

Oxygen saturations

Urinalysis

- If accelerated / malignant hypertension: measure blood pressure hourly until diastolic BP < 100 mmHg on two consecutive readings – then 4 hourly.
- If hypertensive crisis: measure blood pressure every 15 minutes until diastolic BP < 100 mmHg on two consecutive readings – then hourly
- Cardiac monitor if hypertensive crisis.
- Procedure for 24^o urine collection if prescribed
- Reassurance