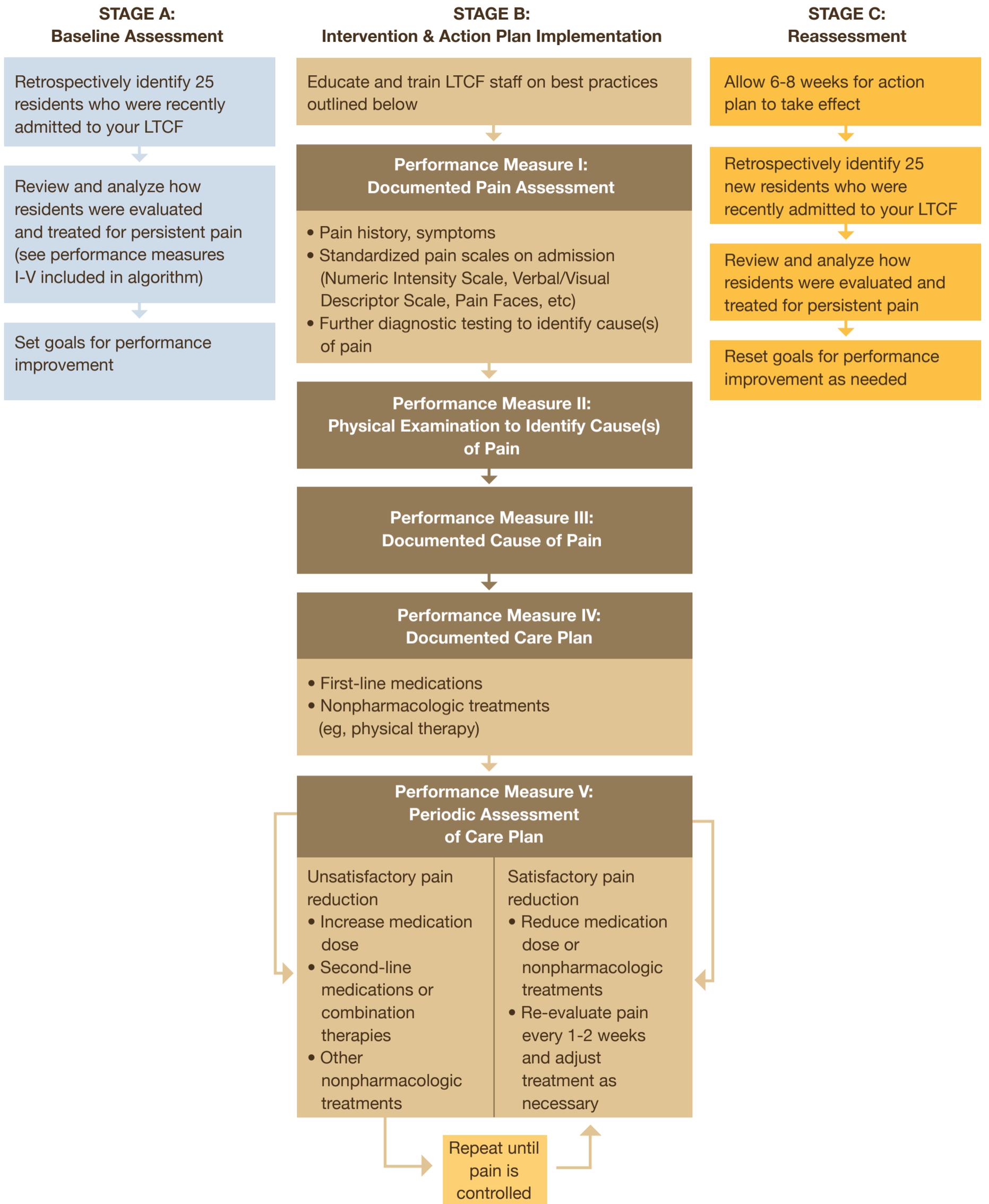


# Algorithm for Improved Management of Persistent Pain in the Long-term Care Setting



## Instructions for Implementation

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This toolkit was created based on a completed performance improvement CME activity, and accordingly is designed on the following model of performance or quality improvement:

- Stage A: Learning from current practice performance assessment
- Stage B: Learning from the application of PI to patient care
- Stage C: Learning from the evaluation of the PI effort

### Instructions for Stage A:

- Review a minimum of 25 patient charts (or another number determined to be appropriate) from patients/residents within the past 6 months, and complete the attached Data Collection Form, one form per patient chart
- Calculate and analyze how residents were evaluated and treated for persistent pain based on the provided Performance Measures and Calculation Instructions
- Set goals for performance improvement

### Instructions for Stage B:

- Educate LTCF on best practices; PowerPoint slides used for clinical in-service meetings are attached, and/or you can use other sources to customize the education as needed
- Develop and implement action plans for improvement (at the facility level and/or clinician level, as determined to be relevant and appropriate)

### Instructions for Stage C:

- Allow several weeks for the action plan(s) to take effect—the amount of time needed will depend on several factors, including the specific actions taken and number of residents with pain
- Identify 25 new residents (or another number determined to be appropriate) admitted to LTCF since completion of Stage B, and complete the attached Data Collection Form, one form per patient chart
- Calculate and analyze how residents were evaluated and treated for persistent pain based on the provided Performance Measures and Calculation Instructions
- If desired, set new performance goals again and repeat Stages B and C to reach desired outcomes