EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT
Initiation

Start

MAR Provider

When **COWS** > 8, administer 4-8 mg buprenorphine and monitor.

If concerns about fentanyl, begin with 2 mg dose, repeating every 30 min, while monitoring closely for precipitated withdrawal.

After 1hr

MAR Provider

If **COWS** improves, administer 8 mg dose and discharge.

(see next step)

If **COWS** doesn't improve (suggesting fentanyl exposure), administer 4 mg dose, repeating every 30 min, while monitoring closely for precipitated withdrawal (max = 16 mg).

Discharge

ED Nurse

Discharge patient with a short-term (3 to 7 days) script of 8 mg buprenorphine twice-a-day along with naloxone 4mg/actuation.

Educate patient on how to use medications.