Troubleshooting dysphoria

DYSPHORIA
Is the cat tractable?

Yes

Is the cat painful?
Wound palpation
Review analgesics
Pain score

Yes → **No**

Treat for pain

Supplemental oxygen

Yes

Is the cat hypoxic?
Check SpO$_2$, RR

No

Reverse drugs

No

Sedation

0.25–1 mg/kg alfaxalone IV

0.5–2 mg/kg propofol IV

0.5–5 µg/kg dexmedetomidine IV
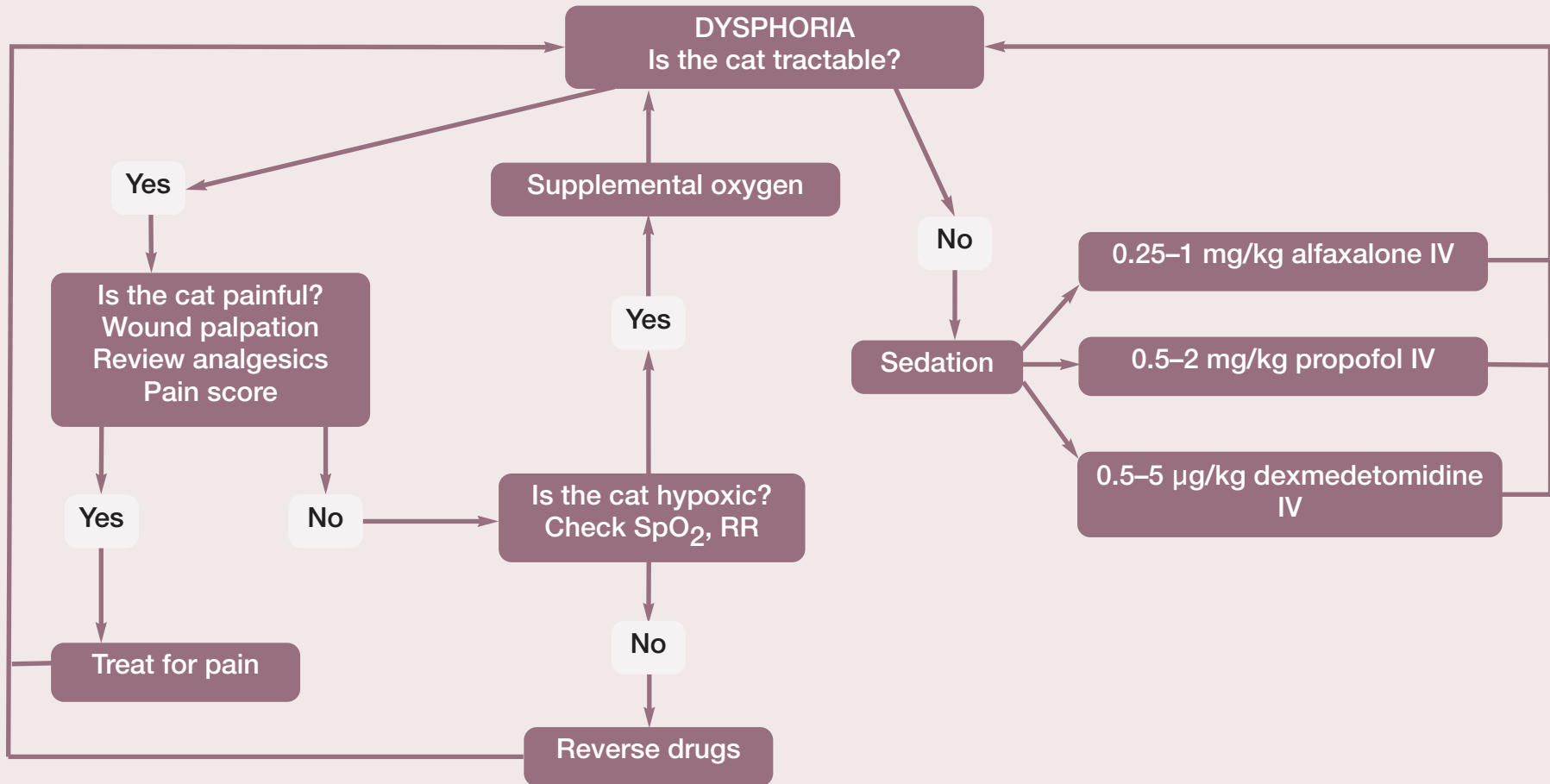
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Key IV = intravenous; RR = respiratory rate; SpO$_2$ = oxygen saturation of hemoglobin in arterial blood