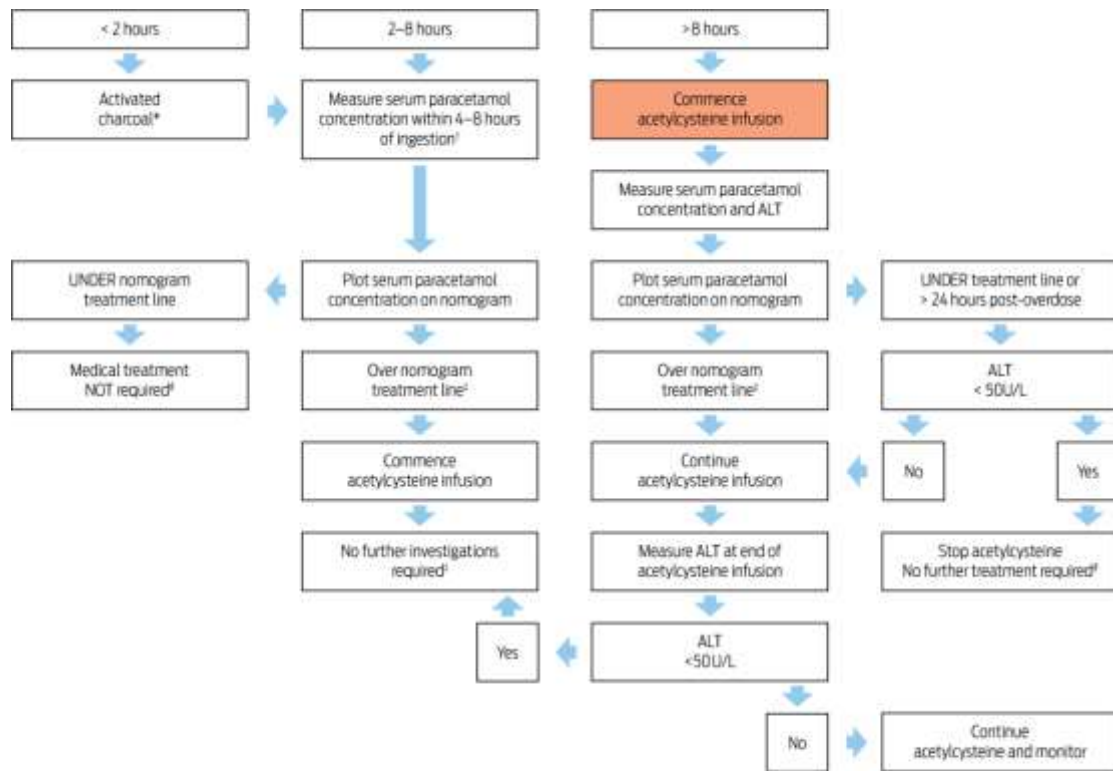


Figure 2: Management flow chart for acute paracetamol exposure with known time of ingestion



NOTE:
 *Cooperative adult patients who have potentially ingested greater than 10g or 200mg/kg, whichever is less. For paracetamol ingestions \geq 30g activated charcoal should be offered until 4 hours post-ingestion.
 † If paracetamol concentration will not be available until > 8 hours post-ingestion, commence acetylcysteine while awaiting paracetamol concentration.
 ‡ Those patients with initial paracetamol concentrations more than double the nomogram line may benefit from an increase in acetylcysteine dose (see text) and a serum paracetamol and ALT concentrations should be checked at the end of the acetylcysteine infusion.
 § Patients should be advised that if they develop abdominal pain, nausea or vomiting further assessment is required.