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## INTRODUCTION

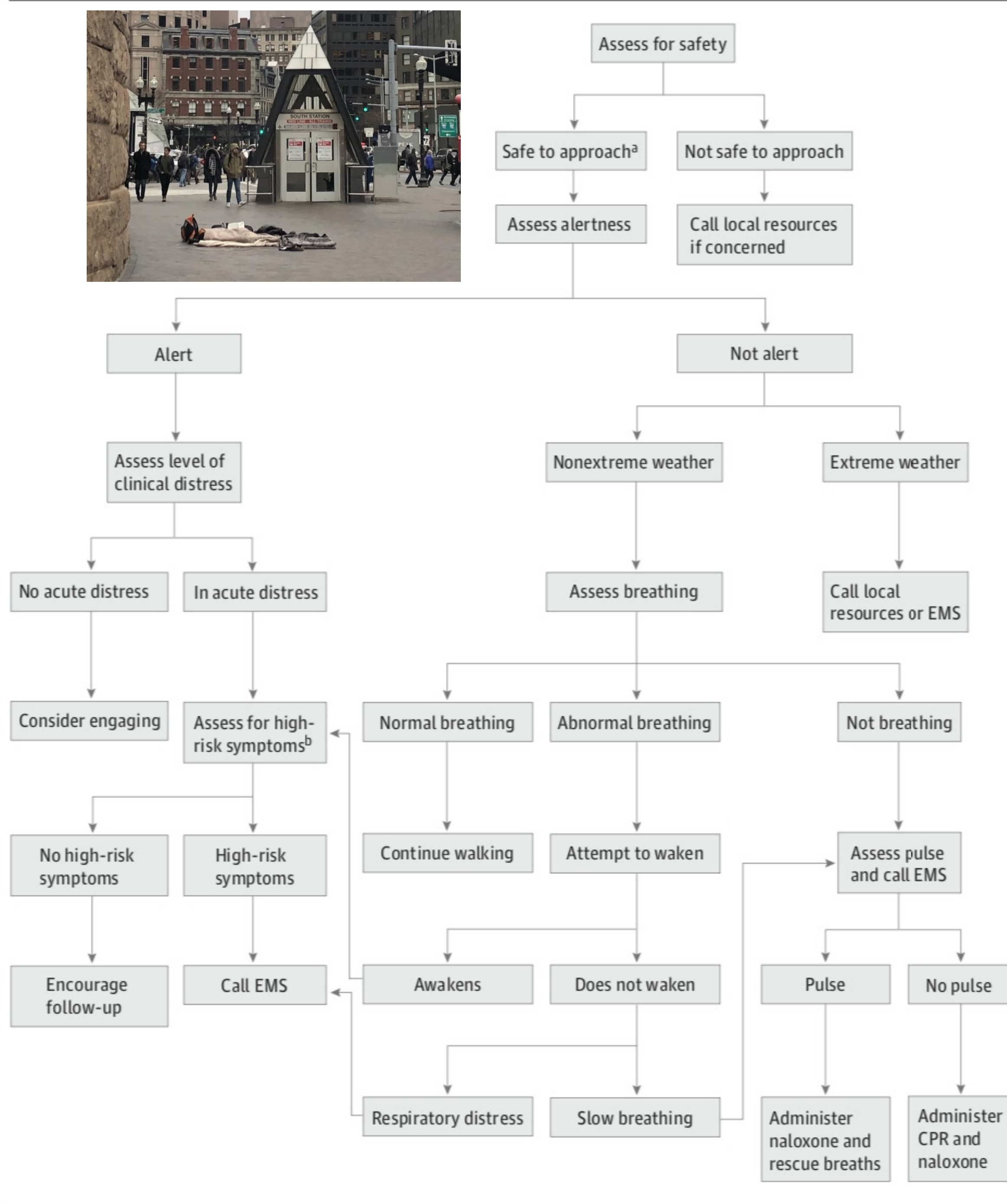
- Every day in cities across the globe, passersby walk past homeless men and women lying sick or injured on sidewalks.
- In the U.S., individuals living on the street have a death rate almost 10 times that of the general population. Many literally die on sidewalks.

## METHODS

Based on our experience as providers caring for patients on the street through Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program, we offer clinicians a framework—one that is missing from general clinical training—for assessing and responding to a homeless person.

## RESULTS

Figure. Clinical Approach to Assessing a Person Experiencing Homelessness on the Street



## CONCLUSIONS

- Empowering clinicians with this approach may help to address a substantial clinical and public health need.
- If our duty as clinicians is to care for those in need, then never again should a homeless person die alone on a sidewalk without an attempt to prevent another avoidable death.

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