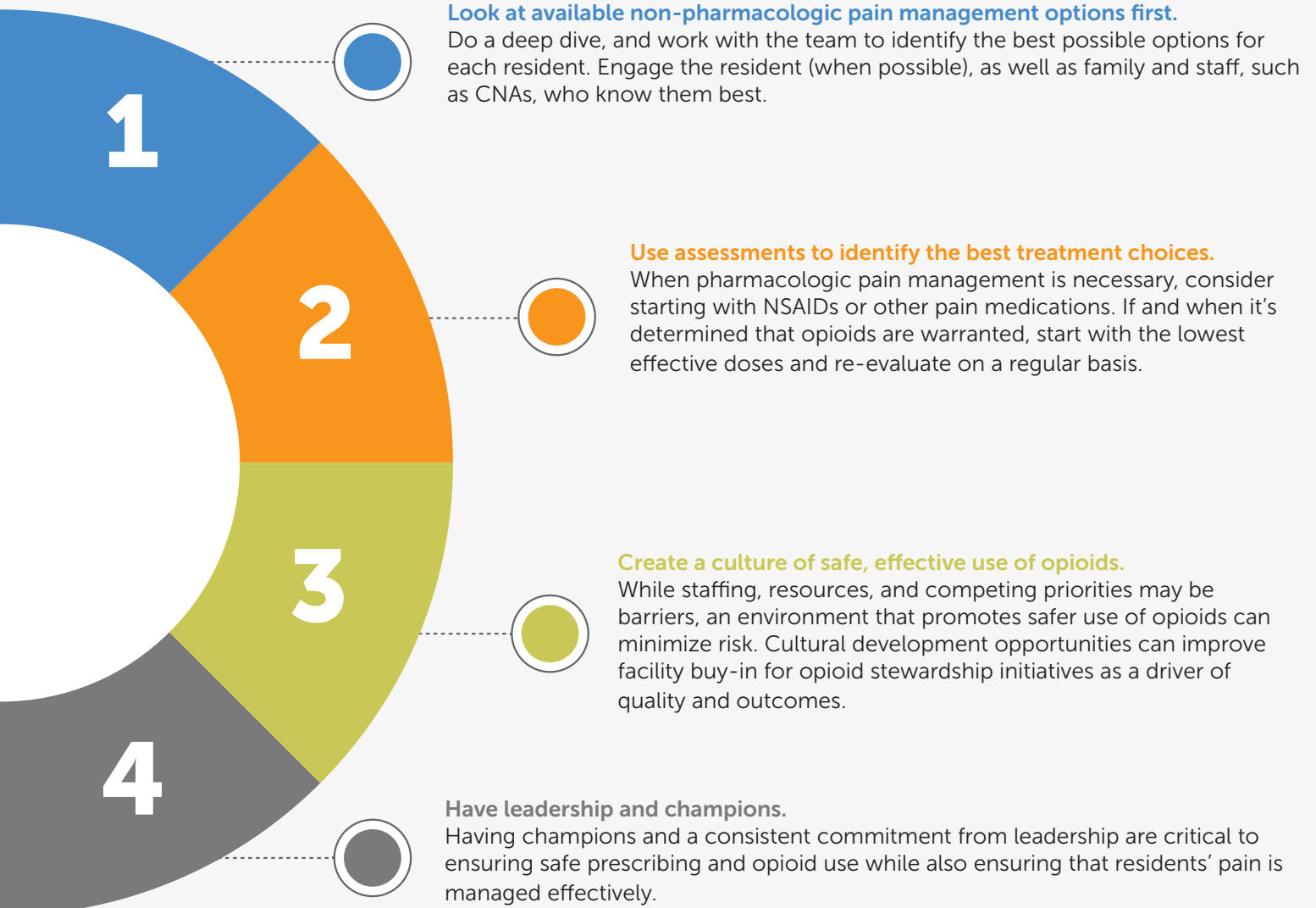


4 Steps to Successful Opioid Stewardship

Older adults are at significant risk for developing opioid use disorder (OUD) because they are more likely to have the kind of conditions, like arthritis, cancer, or recovery from surgery, that opioids are commonly prescribed for.

And once they start taking opioids, they may be at risk for more severe side effects since, as people age, medications may affect them more intensely and leave their systems more slowly. This can mean falls, depression, and anxiety, and even an increased risk of developing dementia.

To ensure effective relief from pain and resident safety, here are 4 steps you can take to get started with successful opioid stewardship and sustain it long term.



Your Consultant Pharmacist Can Help

Medication reviews can help spot those at risk of developing OUD. They can also recommend alternative treatments that reduce risk while providing adequate pain relief.