ATTENTION PROVIDERS:
HEROIN MAY BE CONTAMINATED WITH BOTULISM

ANTITOXIN must be requested from Public Health ASAP

1. Establish presence of SIGNS:
   - Acute bilateral cranial nerve palsy
     (e.g., diplopia, ptosis, dysarthria)
   - Symmetric descending weakness/paralysis
   - Possible progression to respiratory failure

2. Determine if patient has risk factors for WOUND BOTULISM:
   - Heroin use
   - Subcutaneous or intramuscular injection
     (skin or muscle “popping”)

3. CALL your Department of Public Health for consultation, antitoxin, and/or botulism testing:
   - LA County: (213) 240-7941 After Hours: (213) 974-1234
   - Long Beach: (562) 570-4302 After Hours: (562) 500-5537
   - Pasadena: (626) 744-6089 After Hours: (626) 744-6043

Antitoxin MUST be administered ASAP:
- Treatment halts progression but does not reverse symptoms
- Do NOT wait for lab confirmation or debridement

More guidance available at:
LA County Public Health: http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/acd/Diseases/Botulism.htm
CDC: https://www.cdc.gov/botulism/