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Has patient completed recommended treatment duration?

No

- Encourage patient to refill prescription and continue treatment.
- Deliver supportive message

Arrange Return Visit
Algorithm: 2.3 Recommended Visit Schedule

Yes

Assess control over compulsion to smoke

- How significant are withdrawal symptoms / urges to smoke?
- How confident is patient in ability to remain abstinent?
- Is use of reliever medication appropriate?
- Have there been any interval lapses?

Good control?

Yes

Refer to Section 2.2
- Reduce dose or eliminate a Controller Medication (Consider patient preferences)
- Reiterate proper Rescue (Reliever) Medication use in face of possible increase in symptoms
- Deliver supportive message

Arrange Return Visit
Algorithm: 2.3 Recommended Visit Schedule

No

Refer to Section 2.2
- Continue current Controller Medication use
- Encourage aggressive Rescue (Reliever) Medication use
- Deliver supportive message

Arrange Return Visit
Algorithm: 2.3 Recommended Visit Schedule