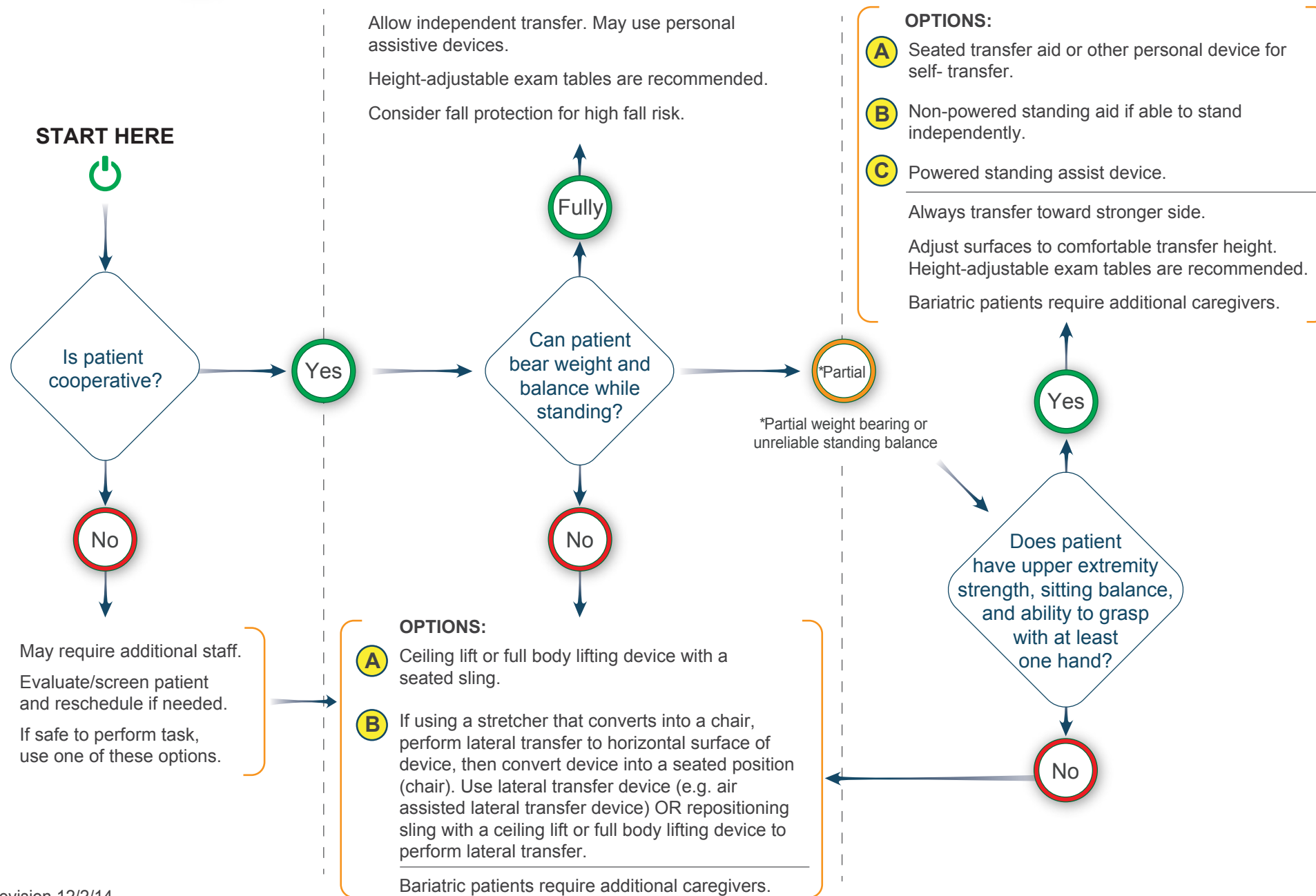
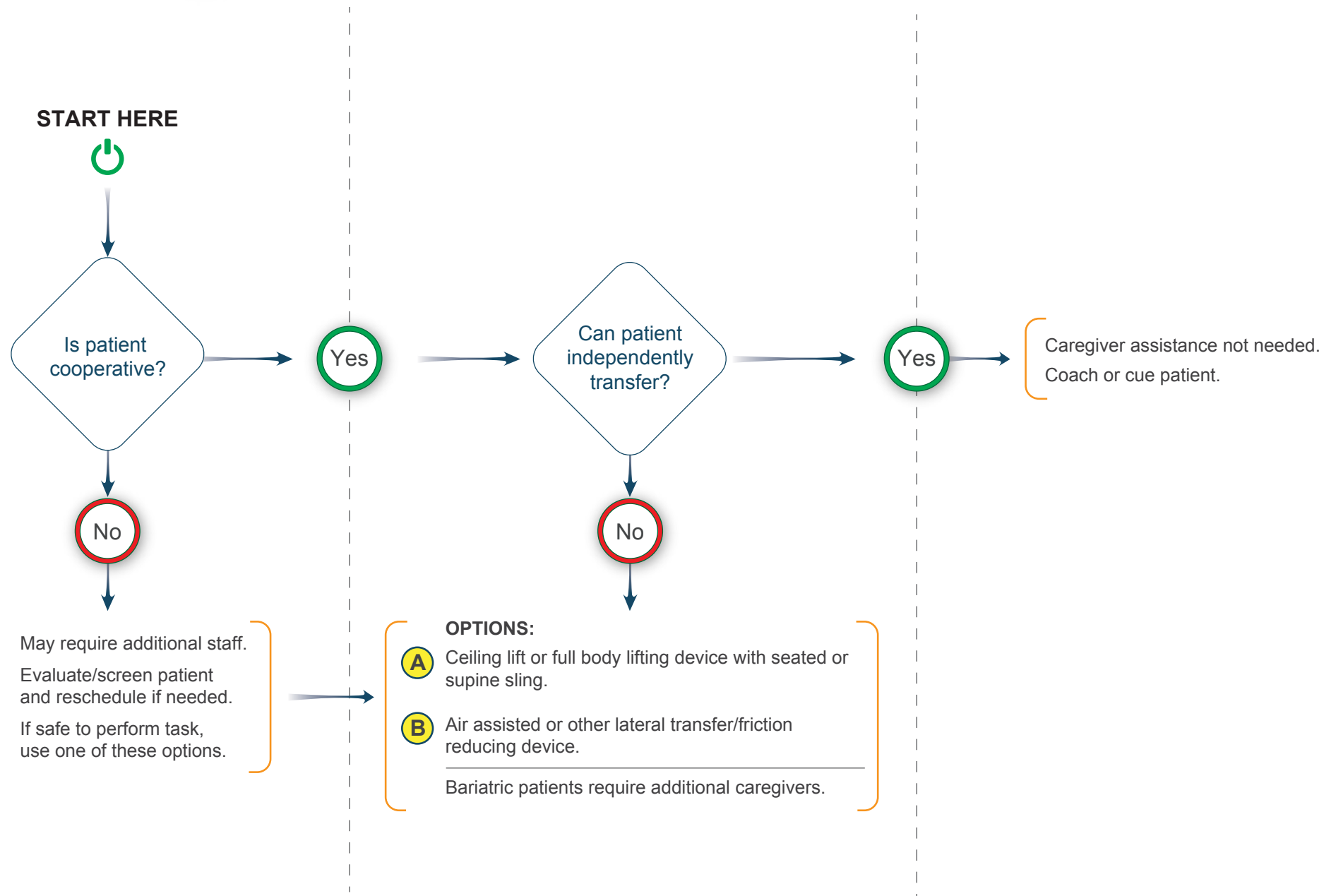


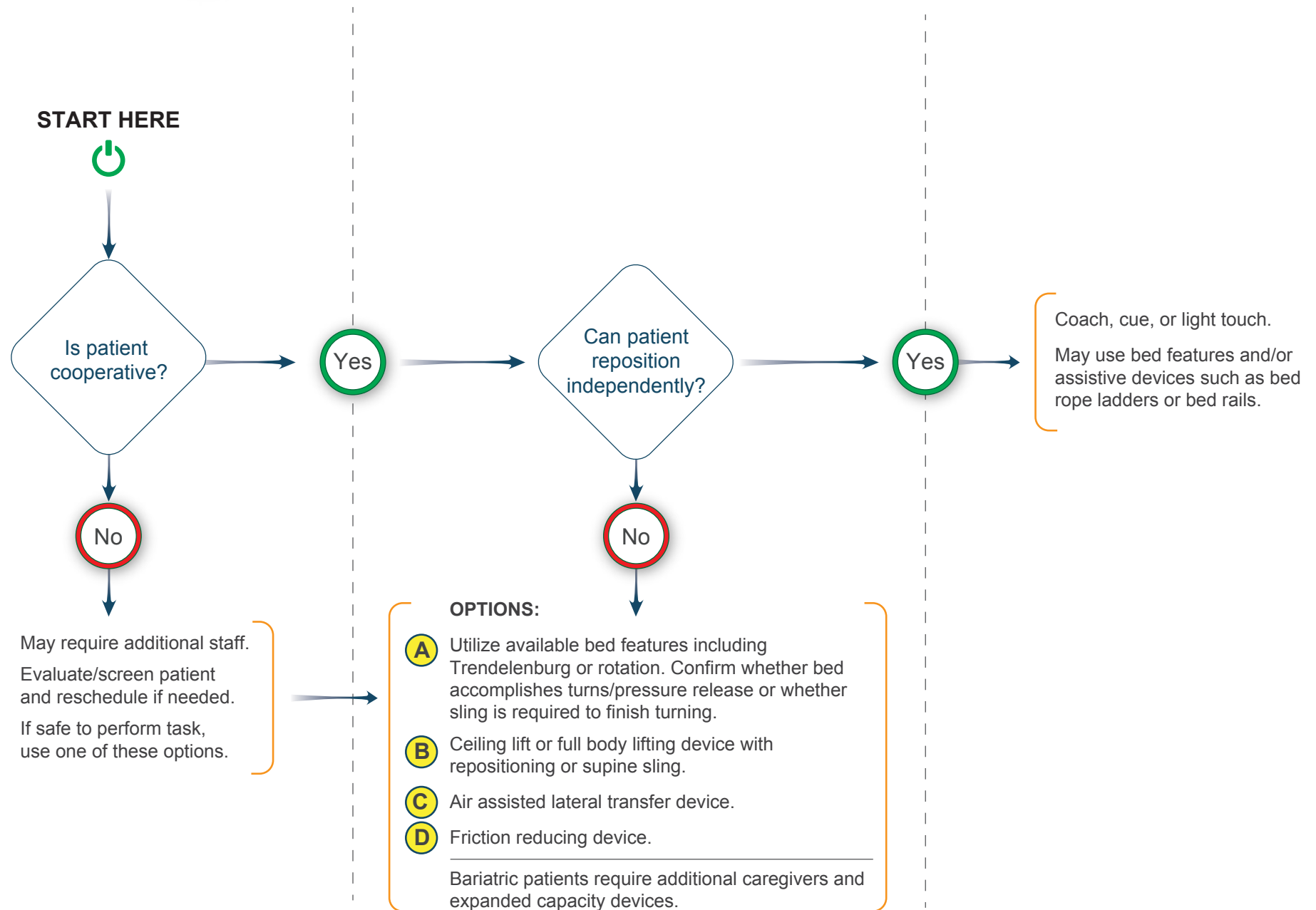
# Algorithm 1 Transfer to/from Seated Positions: *Bed to Chair, Chair to Chair, Chair to Exam Table*



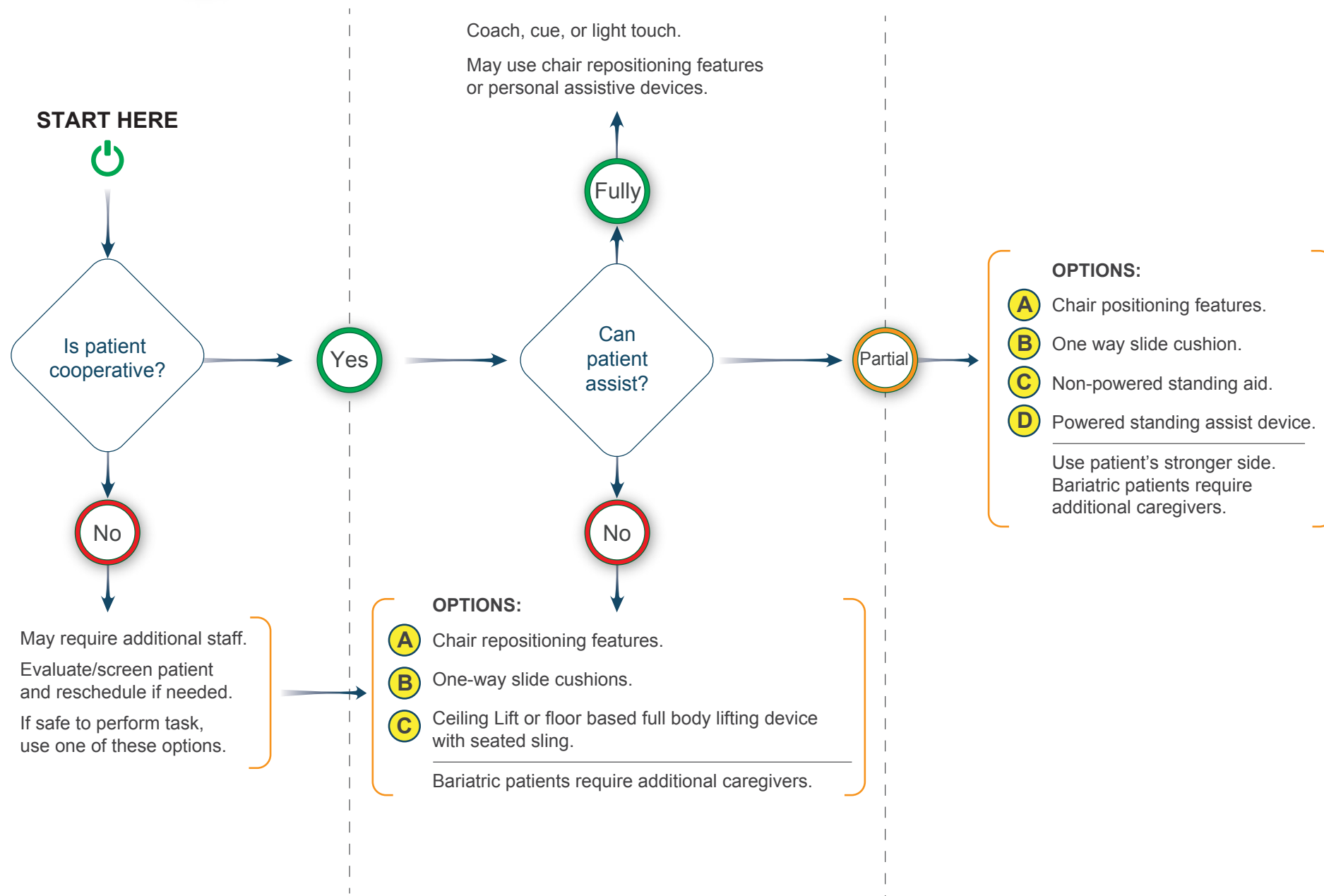
# Algorithm 2 Lateral Transfer to/from Supine Positions: *Bed, Stretcher, Trolley, Procedure Table*



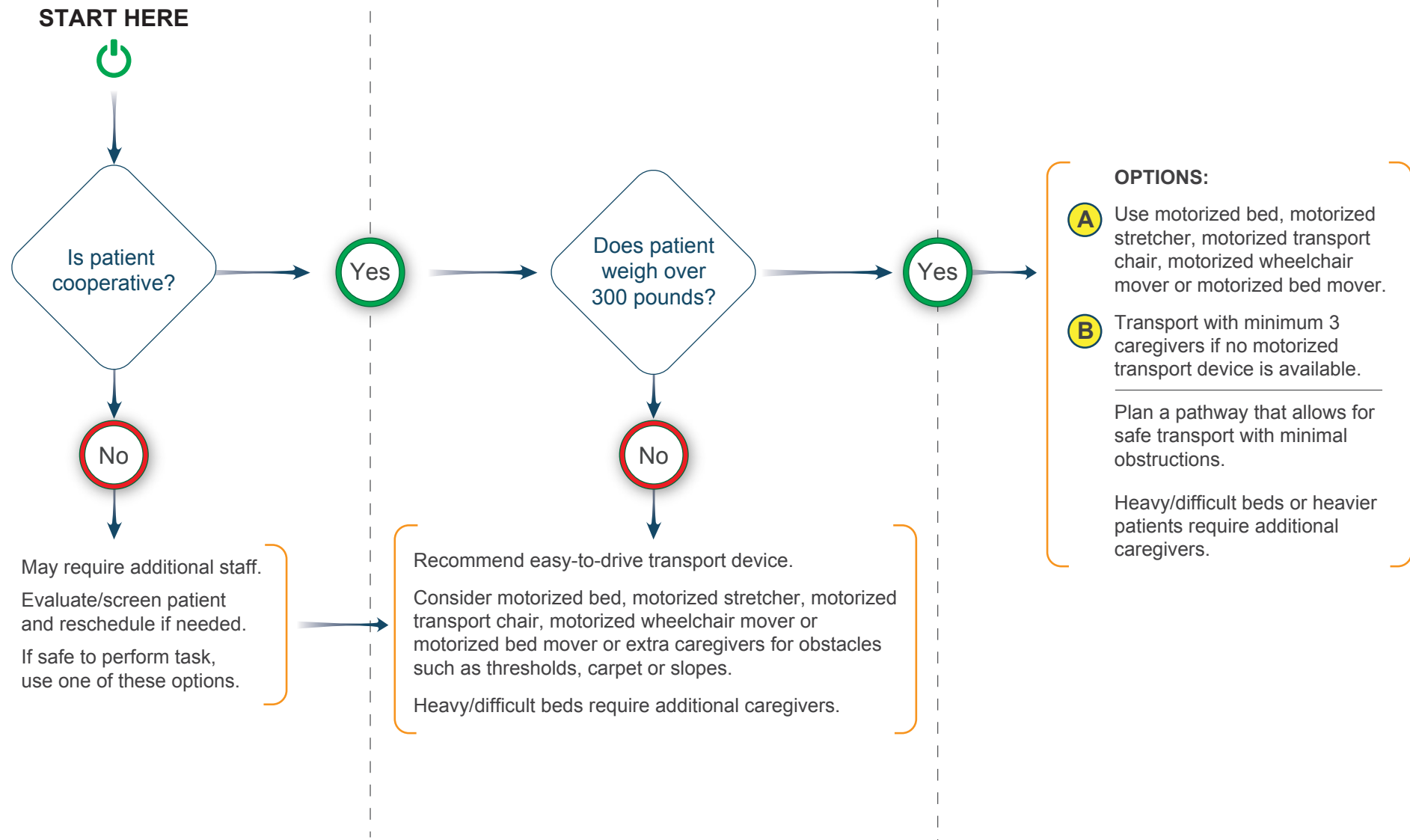
# Algorithm 3 Repositioning in Bed



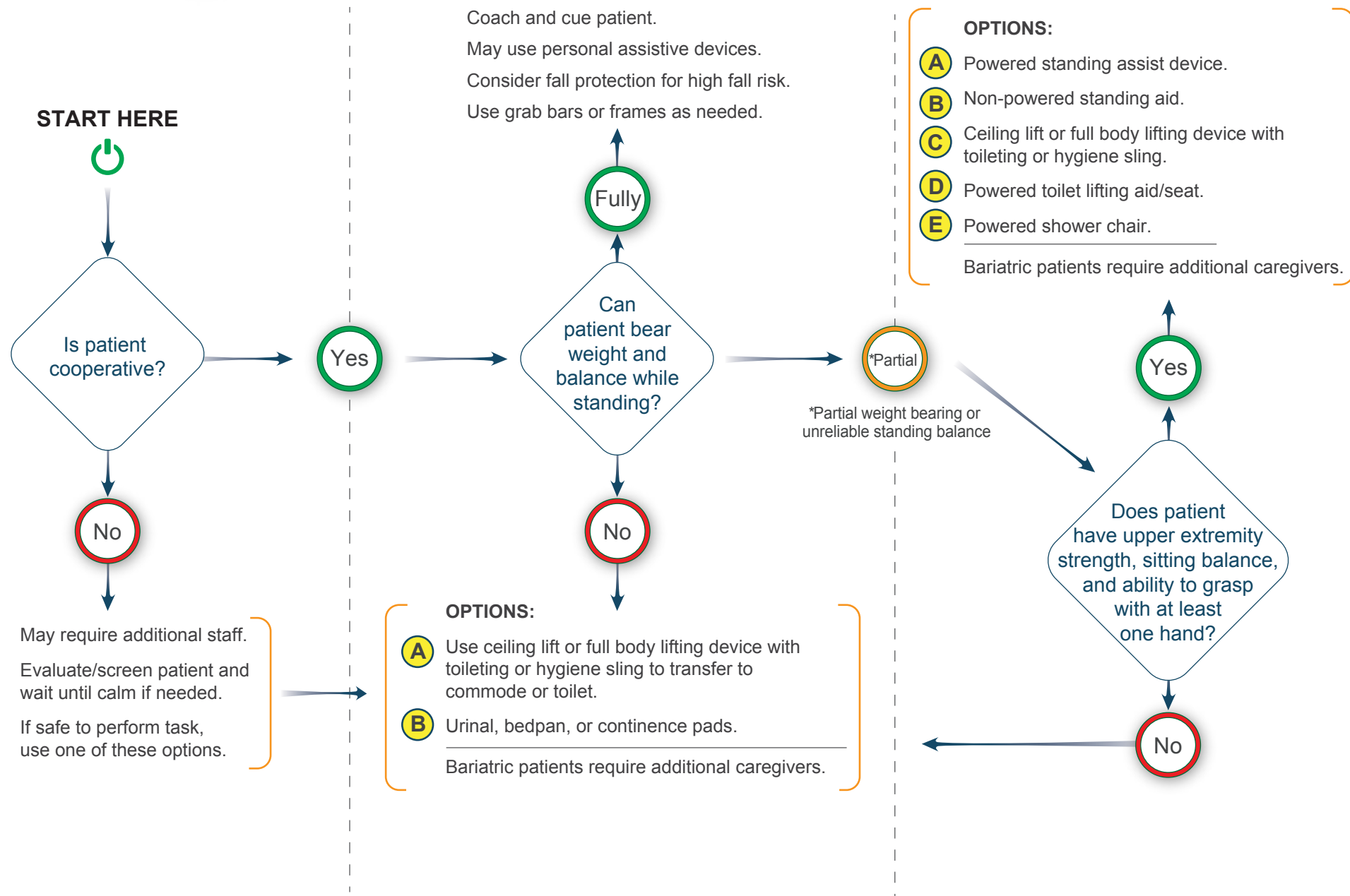
# Algorithm 4 Reposition in Chair: *Wheelchair, Dependency Chair or Other Chair*



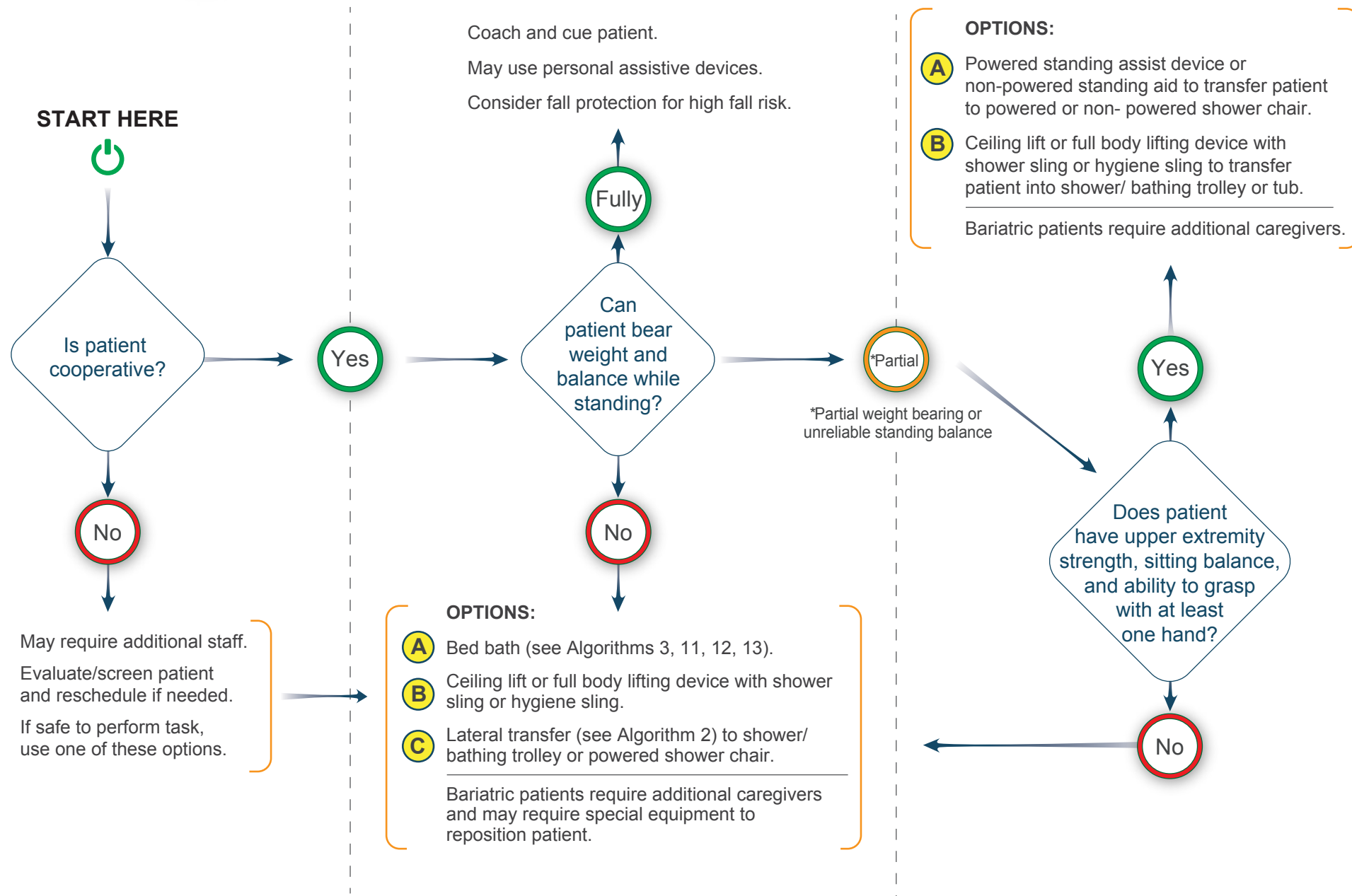
# Algorithm 5 Transport in Bed/Stretcher/Wheelchair



# Algorithm 6 Toileting

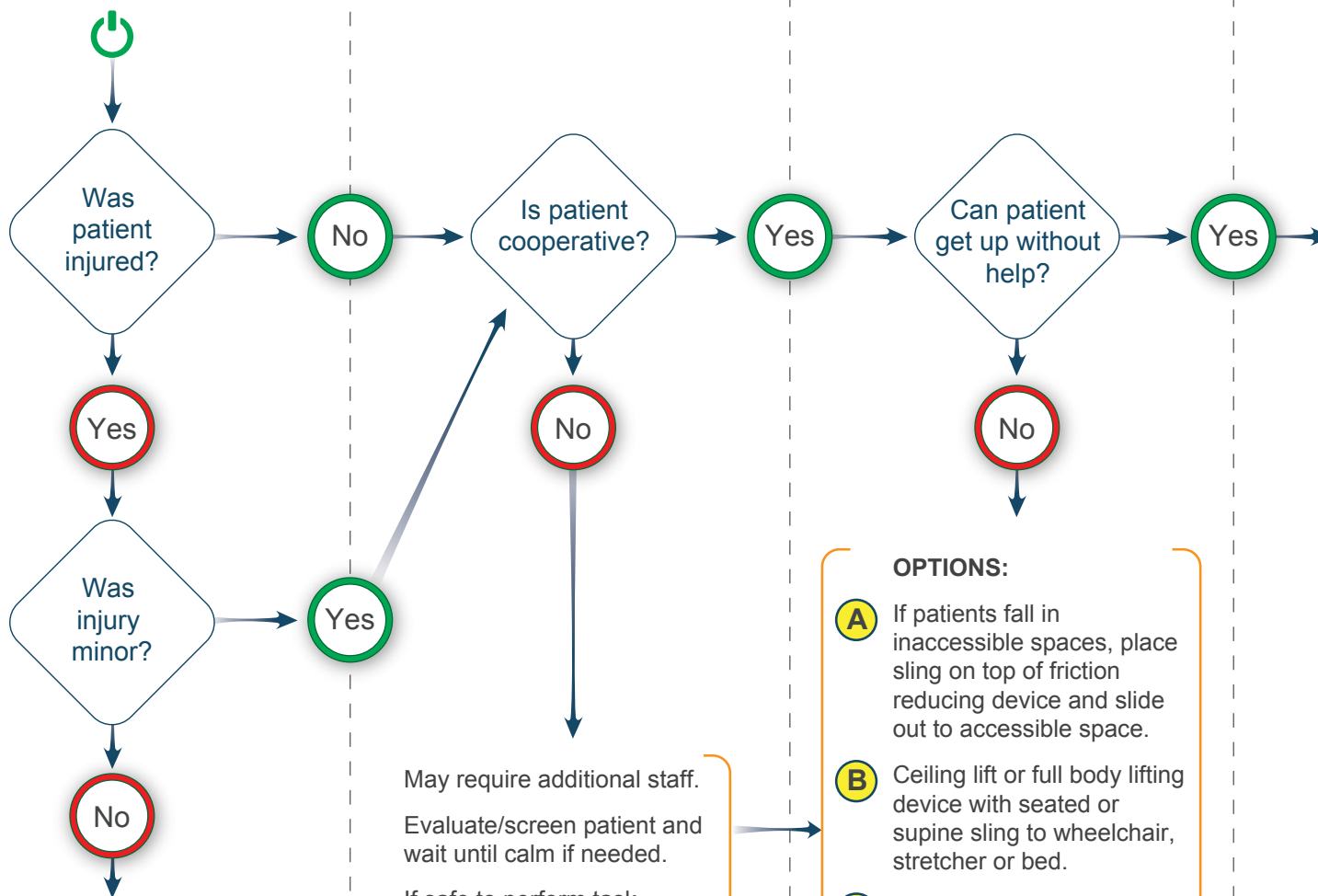


# Algorithm 7 Showering and Bathing



# Algorithm 8 Floor/Fall Recovery

START HERE



**DO NOT MOVE PATIENT UNTIL MEDICALLY CLEARED BY LICENSED HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL!**

Bring air assisted lifting device/air assisted lateral transfer device or patient lift and stretcher to scene.

May require additional staff.  
Evaluate/screen patient and wait until calm if needed.  
If safe to perform task, use one of these options.

## OPTIONS:

- A** If patients fall in inaccessible spaces, place sling on top of friction reducing device and slide out to accessible space.
- B** Ceiling lift or full body lifting device with seated or supine sling to wheelchair, stretcher or bed.
- C** Lift patient with air assisted lifting device, then use air assisted lateral transfer device to laterally move to stretcher.

Bariatric patients require additional caregivers.

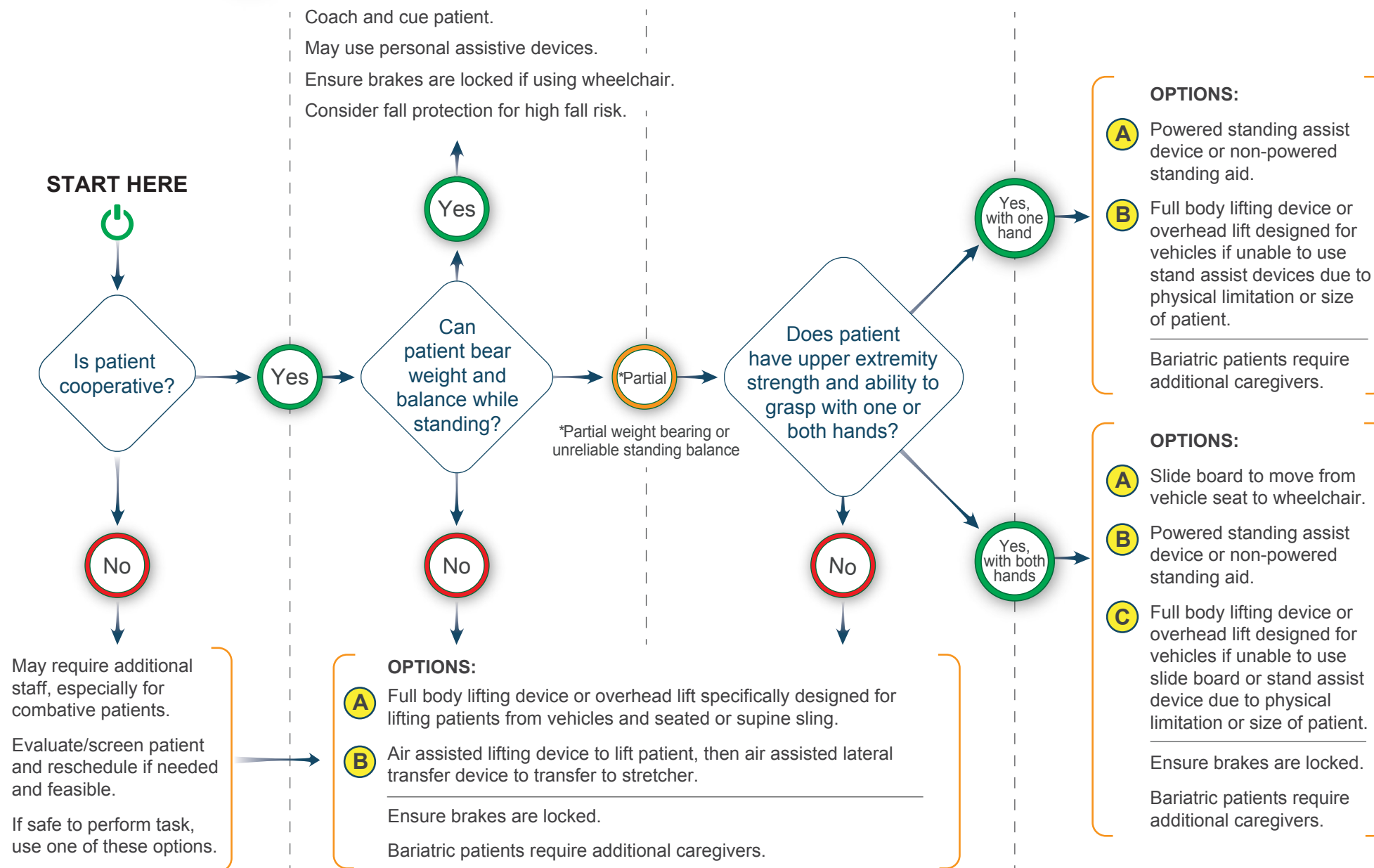
Caregiver assistance not needed.  
Do NOT touch patient.  
Do NOT allow patient to lean on or grab caregiver for support.  
If you place hands on patient, use Options under "No" arrow.

## OPTIONS:

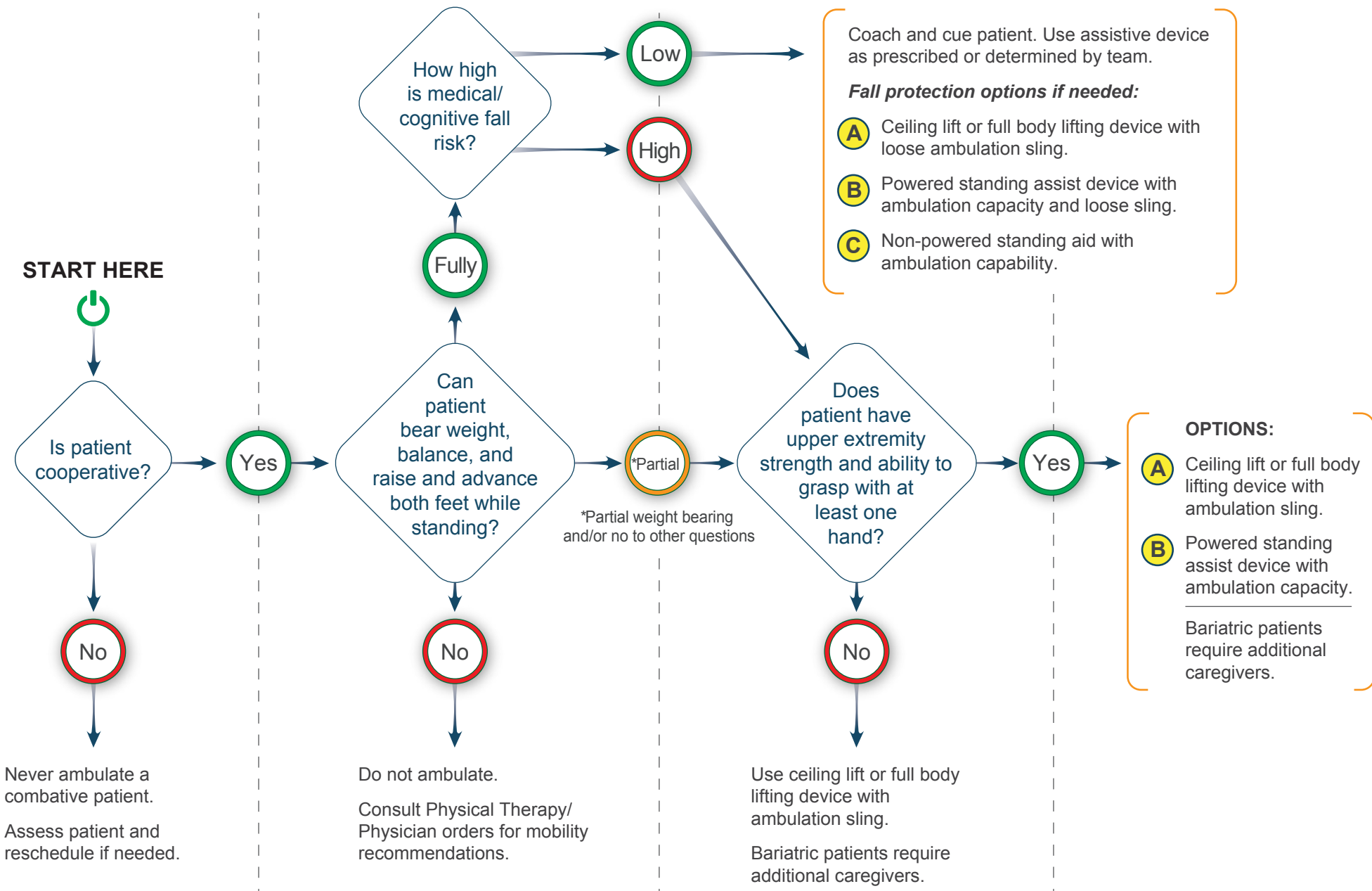
- A** Coach and cue patient.  
May use personal assistive devices.
- B** Provide secure piece of equipment, low stretcher with wheels locked, or wheelchair with wheels locked for patient to raise self from the floor.



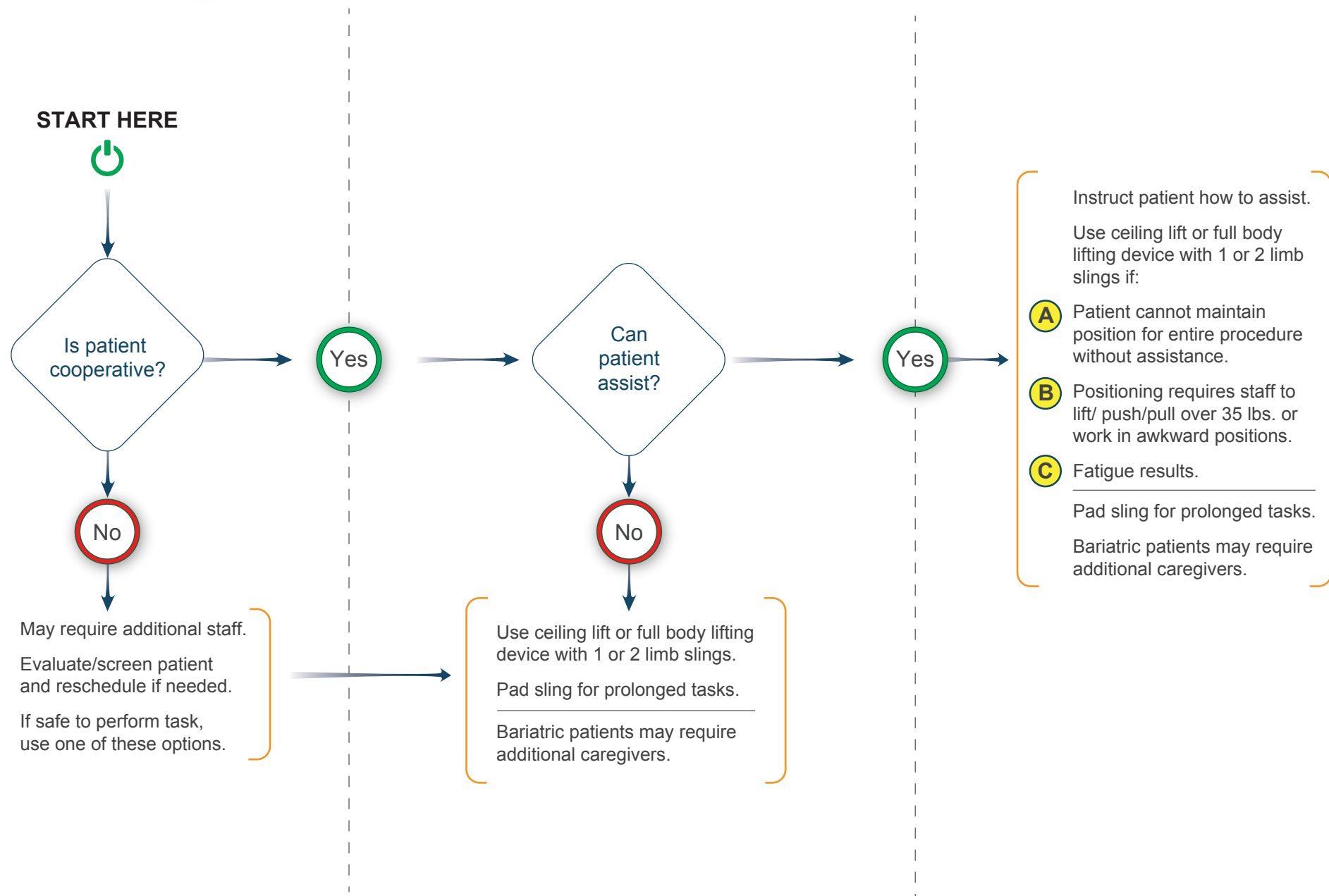
# Algorithm 9 Transfer between Vehicle and Wheelchair, Powered Wheelchair, or Stretcher



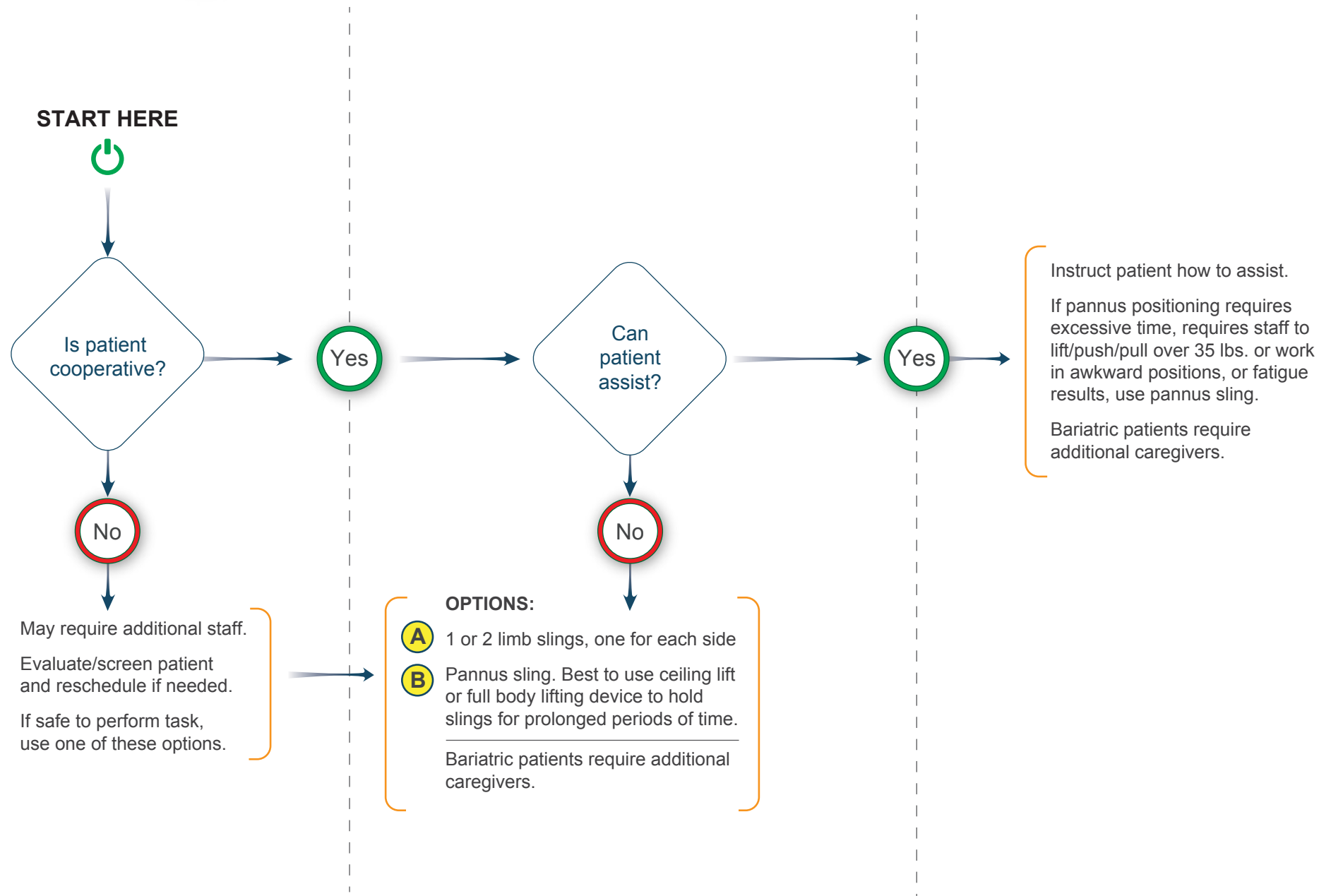
# Algorithm 10 Ambulation



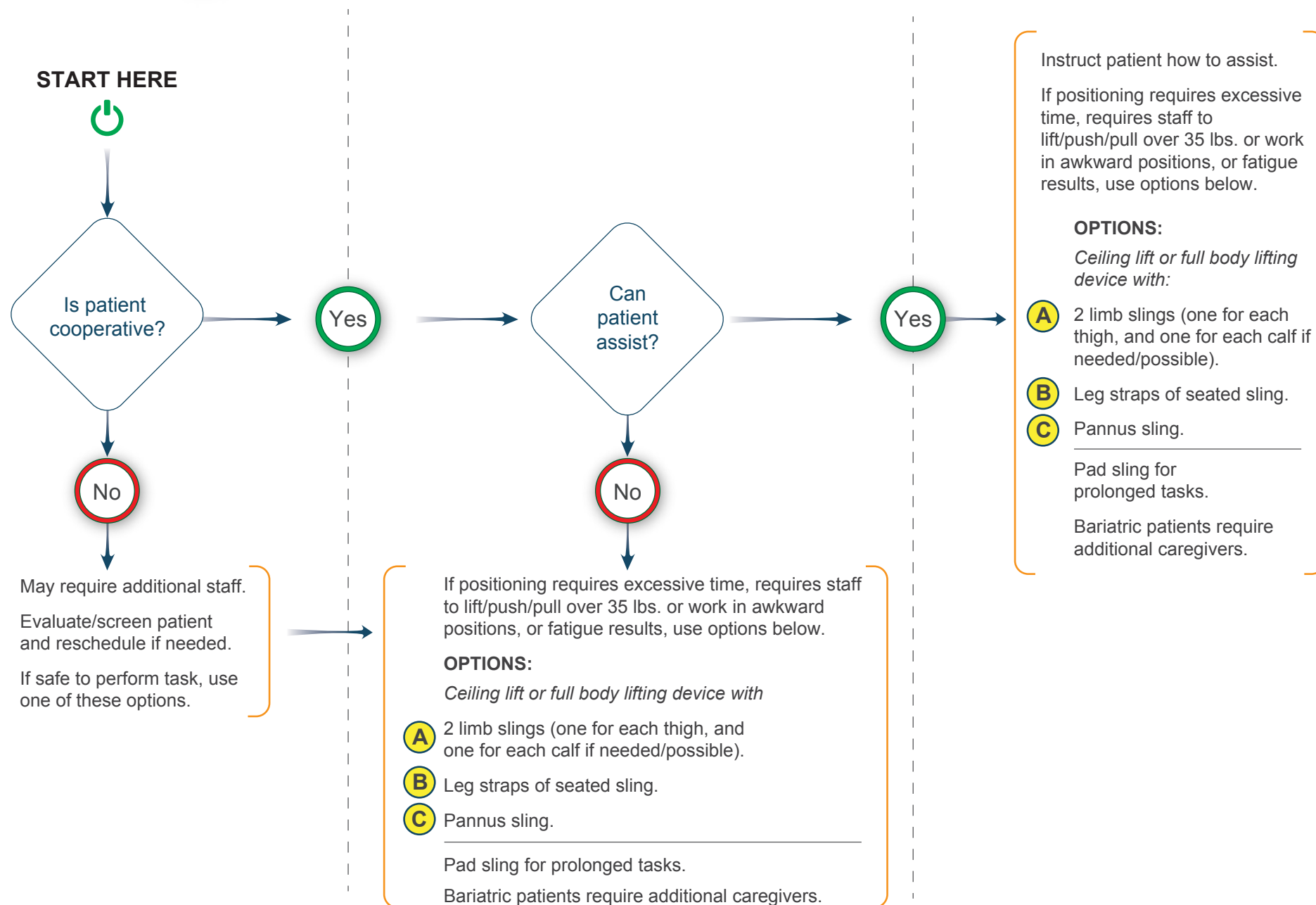
# Algorithm 11 Patient Handling Task Requiring Lifting of Extremities



# Algorithm 12 Bariatric Patient Handling Task Requiring Access to Abdominal Area

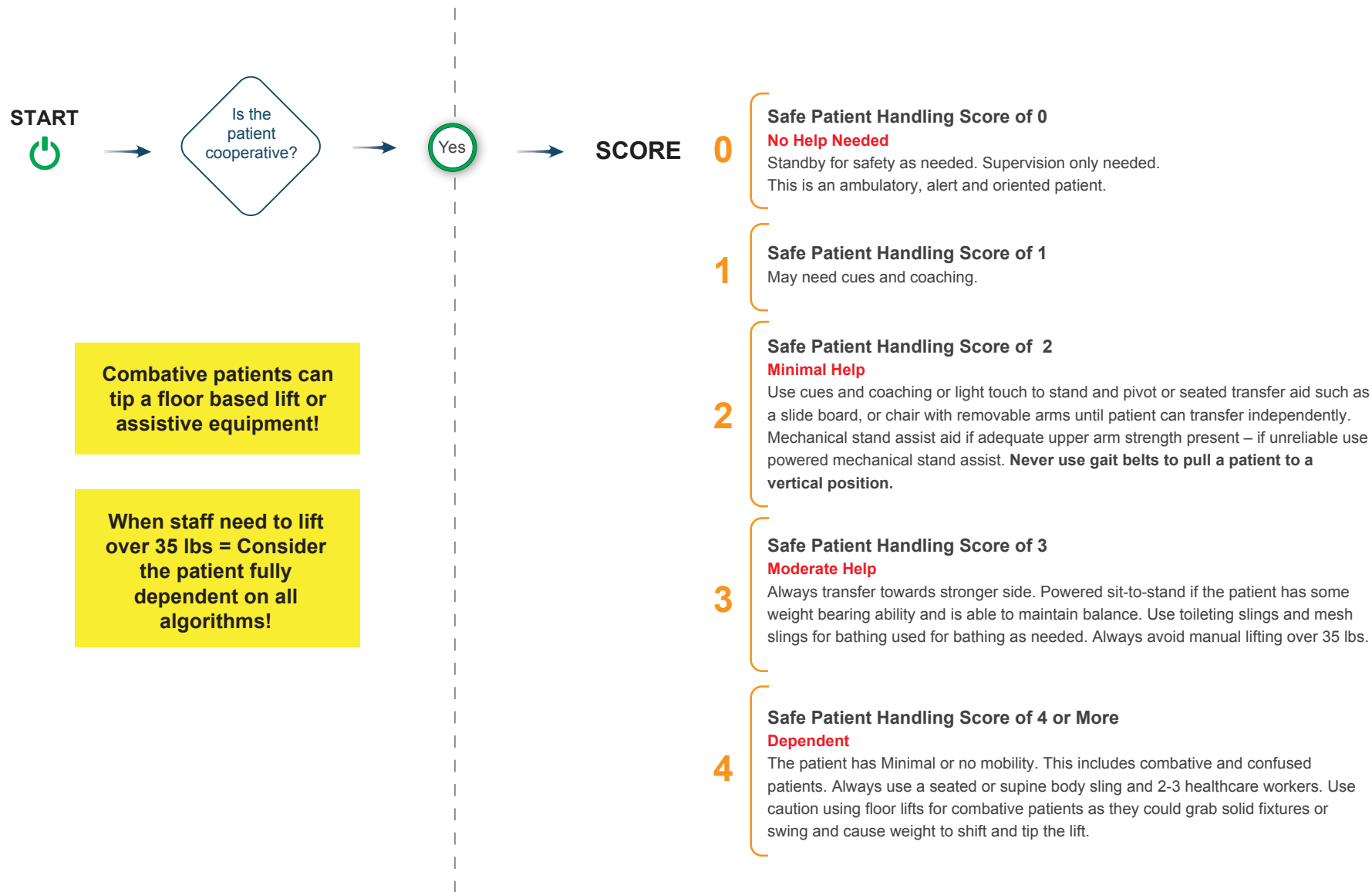


# Algorithm 13 Bariatric Patient Handling Task Requiring Access to Perineal Area



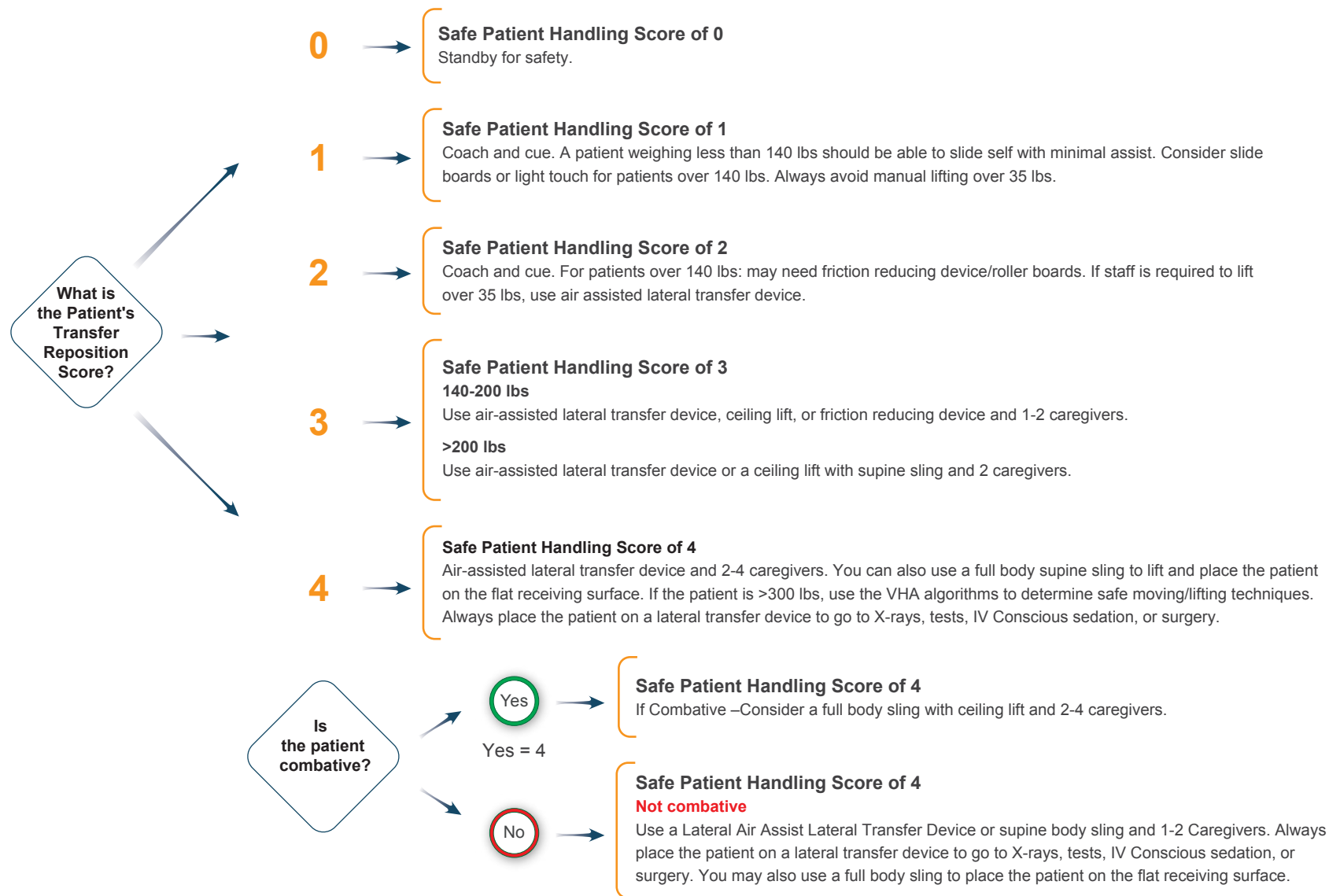
# Algorithm 1 Bed to Chair, Chair to Toilet, Chair to Chair, or Car to Chair

If Safe Patient Handling Score is 4 or greater, go directly to bottom of algorithm.



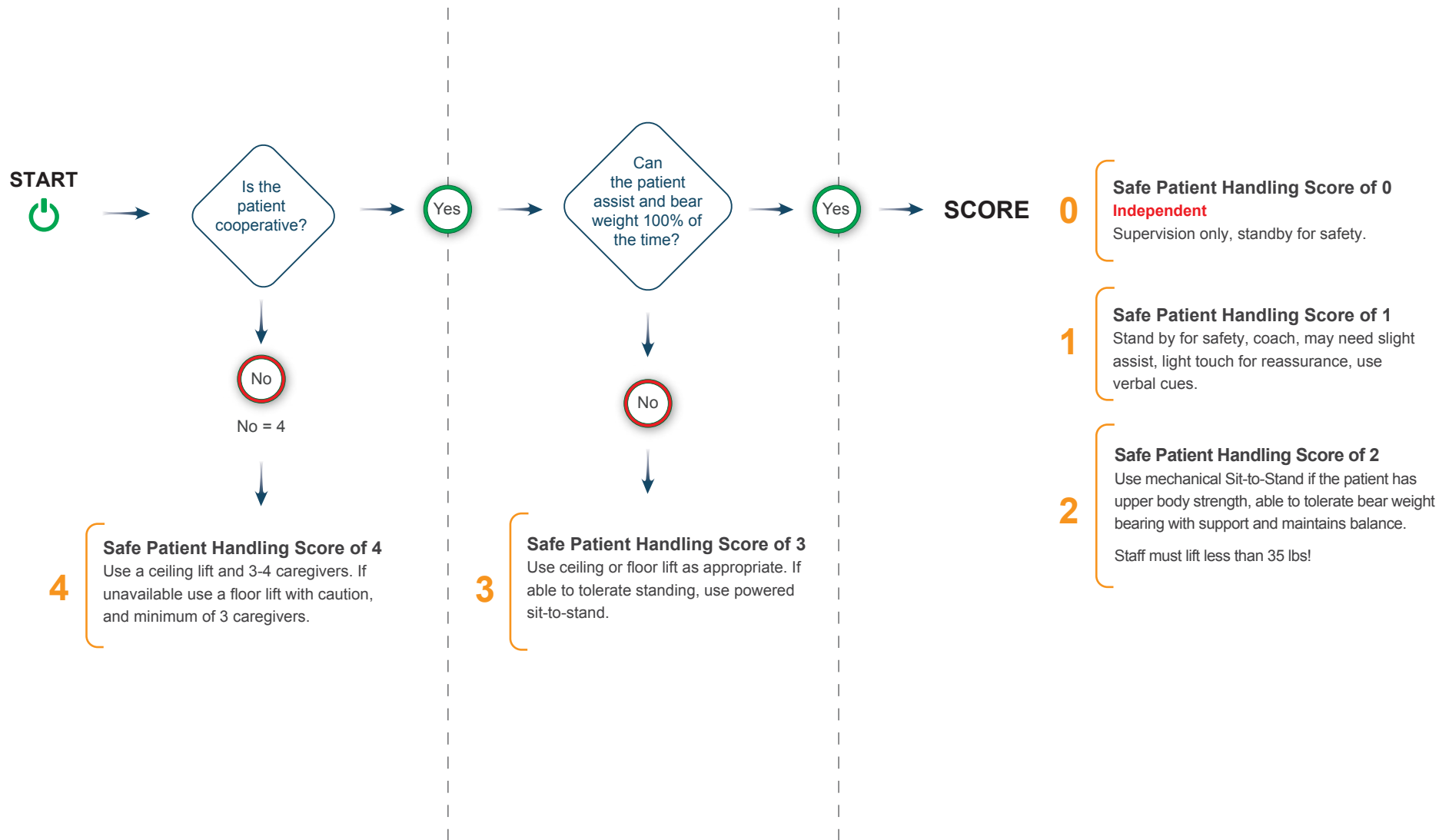
# Algorithm 2 Lateral Transfer To and From: Bed to Stretcher/Trolley

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# Algorithm 3 Transfer To and From: Chair to Stretcher or Chair to Exam Table

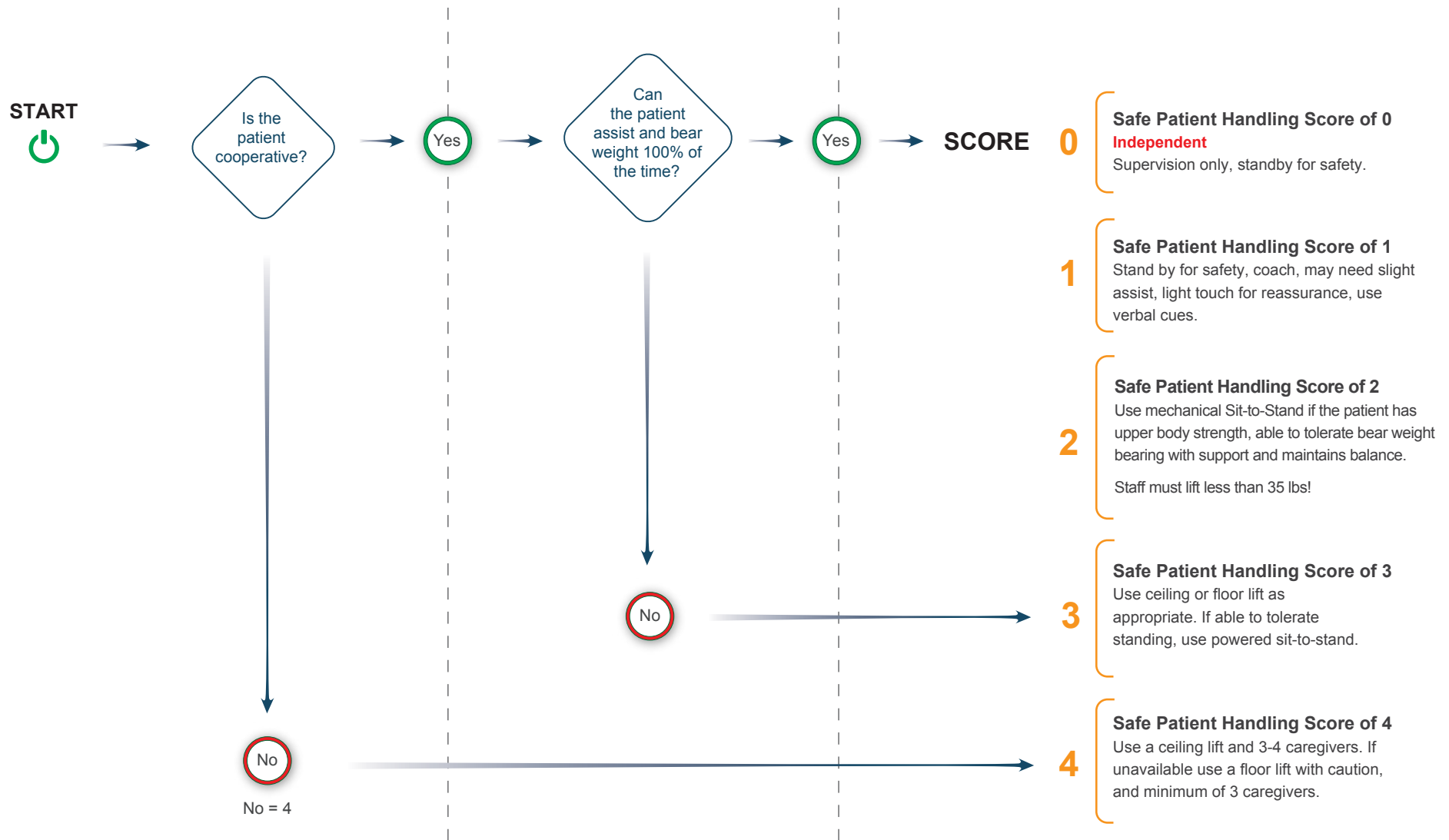
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# Algorithm 3 Transfer To and From: Chair to Stretcher or Chair to Exam Table

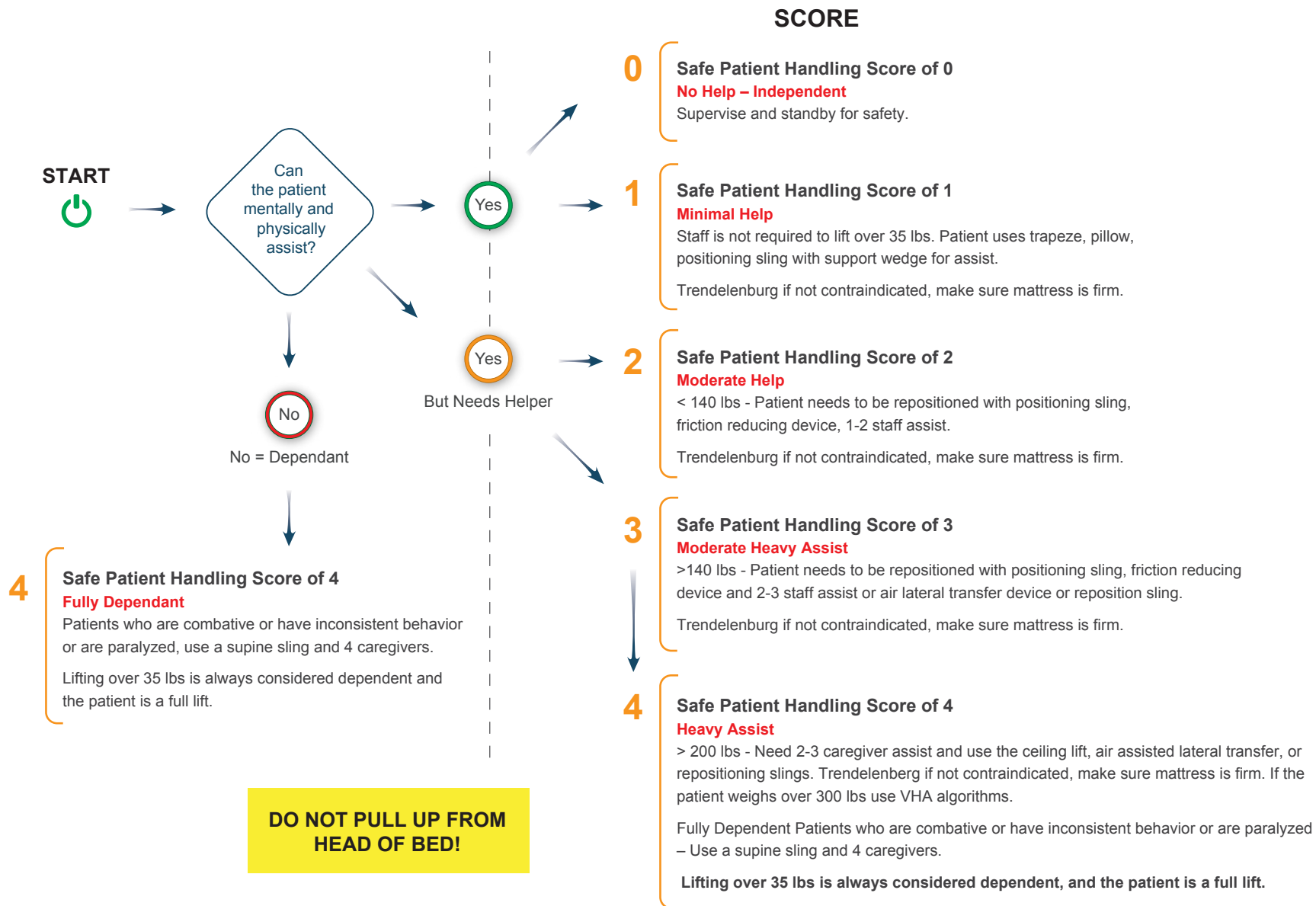
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# Algorithm 4 Reposition Up in Bed: Side to Side, Up in Bed

If the patient has a **Safe Patient Handling Score of 4** or more – always use maximum assistance.

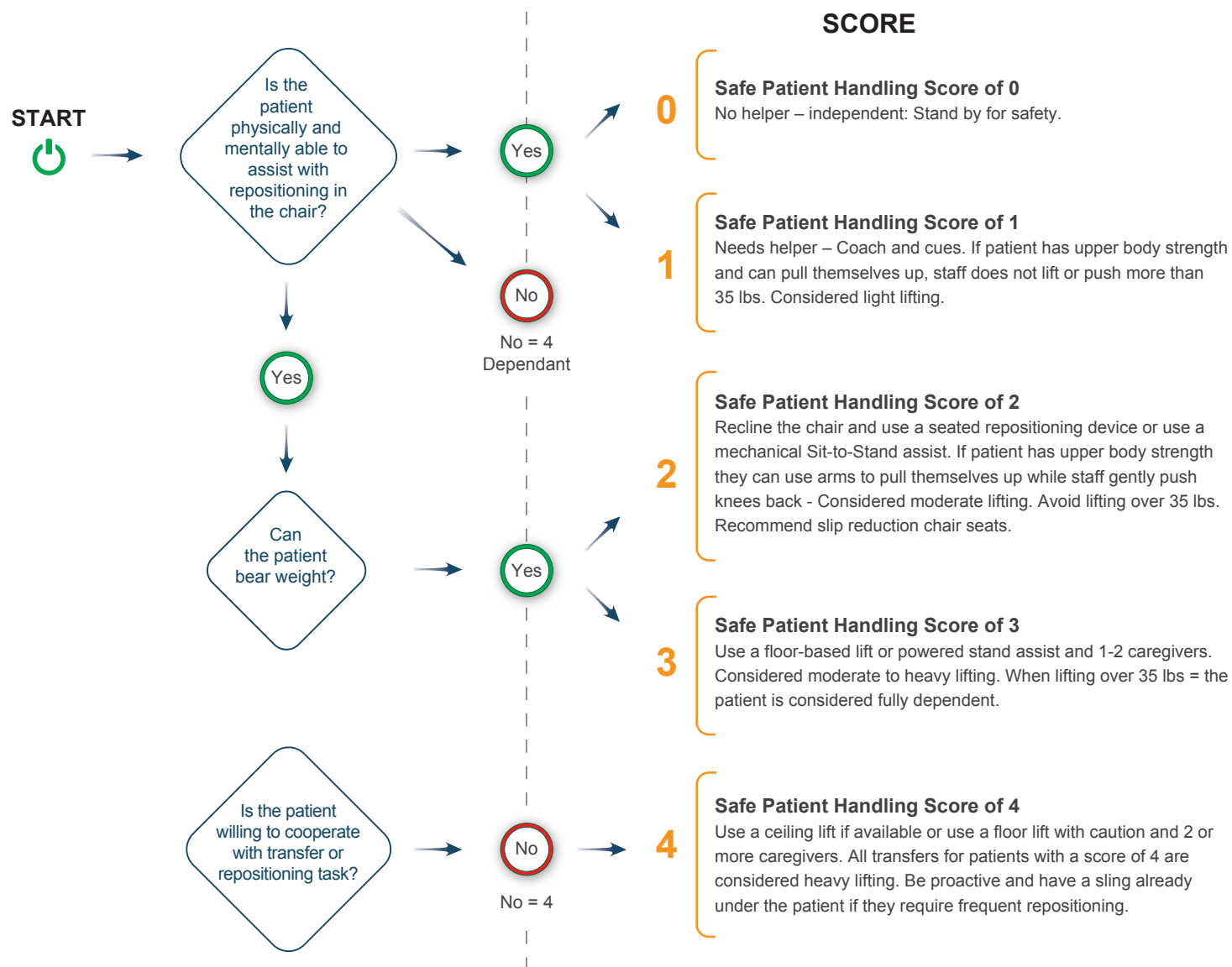
If the patient weighs over 300 lbs use the VHA SPHM Algorithms.



# Algorithm 5 Reposition in Chair: Wheelchair and Dependency Chair

If the patient has a **Safe Patient Handling Score of 4 or more** – always use maximum assistance.

If the patient weighs over **300 lbs** use the VHA SPHM Algorithms.



# Algorithm 6 Transfer a Patient Up from the Floor

If the patient has a **Safe Patient Handling Score of 4 or more** – always use maximum assistance.

If the patient weighs over **300 lbs** use the VHA SPHM Algorithms.

