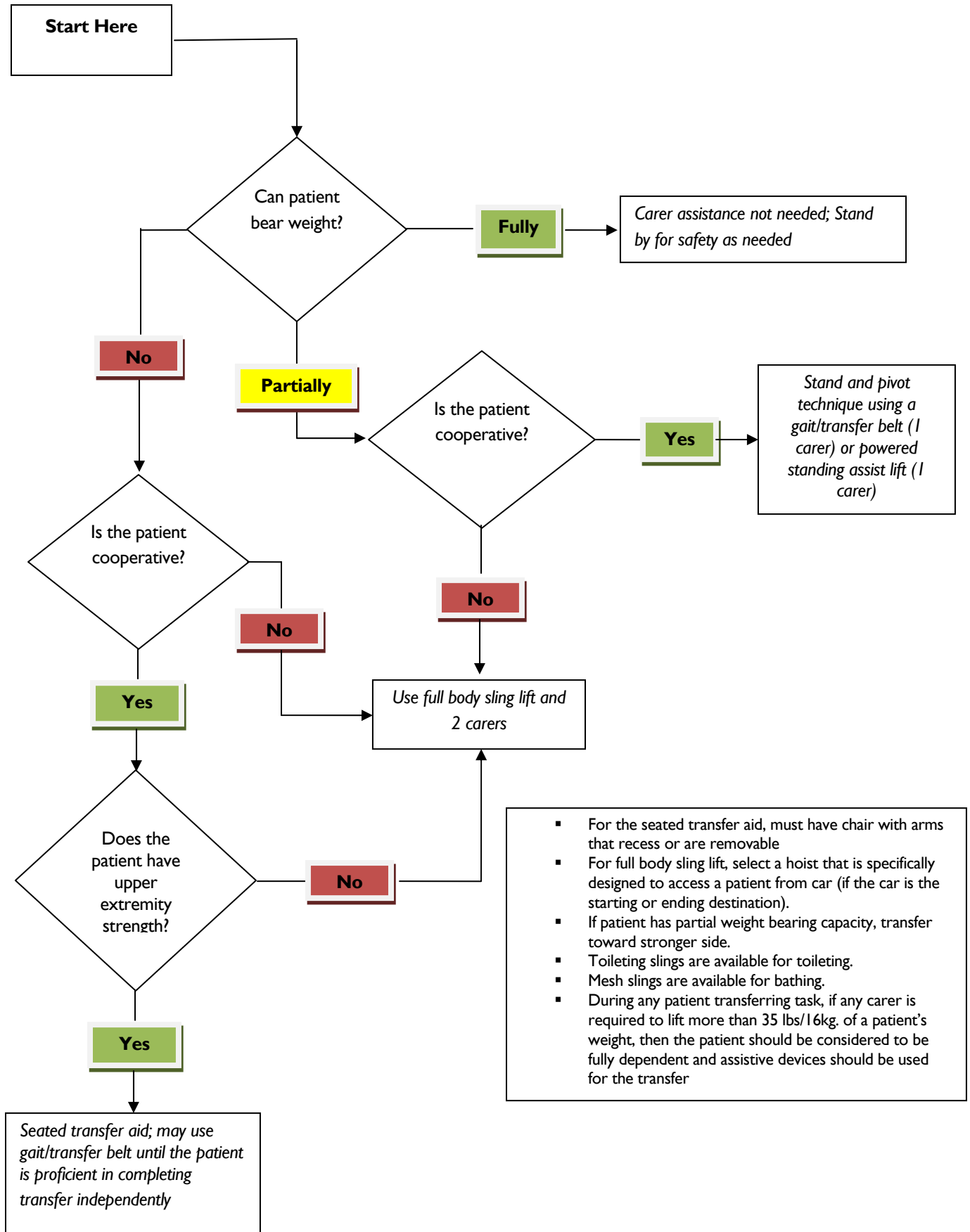


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The algorithm starts with a decision as to whether the patient can bear weight fully, partially, or not at all. If they can bear weight fully, carer assistance is not needed, but they should stand by for safety.

If they can bear weight partially, the next decision point is whether or not they are cooperative. If they are cooperative then the stand and pivot technique should be used with a gait/transfer belt or a powered stand aid (1 carer needed). If they are not cooperative, a fully body sling hoist and 2 carers should be used.

If they cannot bear weight, the next decision point is whether or not they are cooperative. If they are not, a fully body sling hoist and 2-3 carers should be used. If they are cooperative, the next decision point is whether or not they have upper extremity strength. If they do not, again a fully body sling hoist and 2-3 carers should be used. If they do have upper body strength then a seated transfer aid should be used. A gait/transfer belt can also be used until the patient is proficient in completing the transfer independently.

### **General Notes:**

- For seated transfer aid, must have a chair with arms that recess or are removable.
- For full body sling lift, select and lift that was specifically designed to access a patient from the car (if the car is the starting or ending destination).
- If the patient has partial weight bearing capacity, transfer toward the stronger side.
- Toileting slings are available for toileting.
- Mesh slings are available for bathing.
- During any patient transferring task, if any caregiver is required to lift more than 35/16kg pounds of a Patient's weight, then the patient should be considered to be fully dependent and assistive devices should be used for the transfer.

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Note that we have used the original document but changed the terminology where appropriate, for instance adding weights in Kilograms to the originally shown Pounds

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