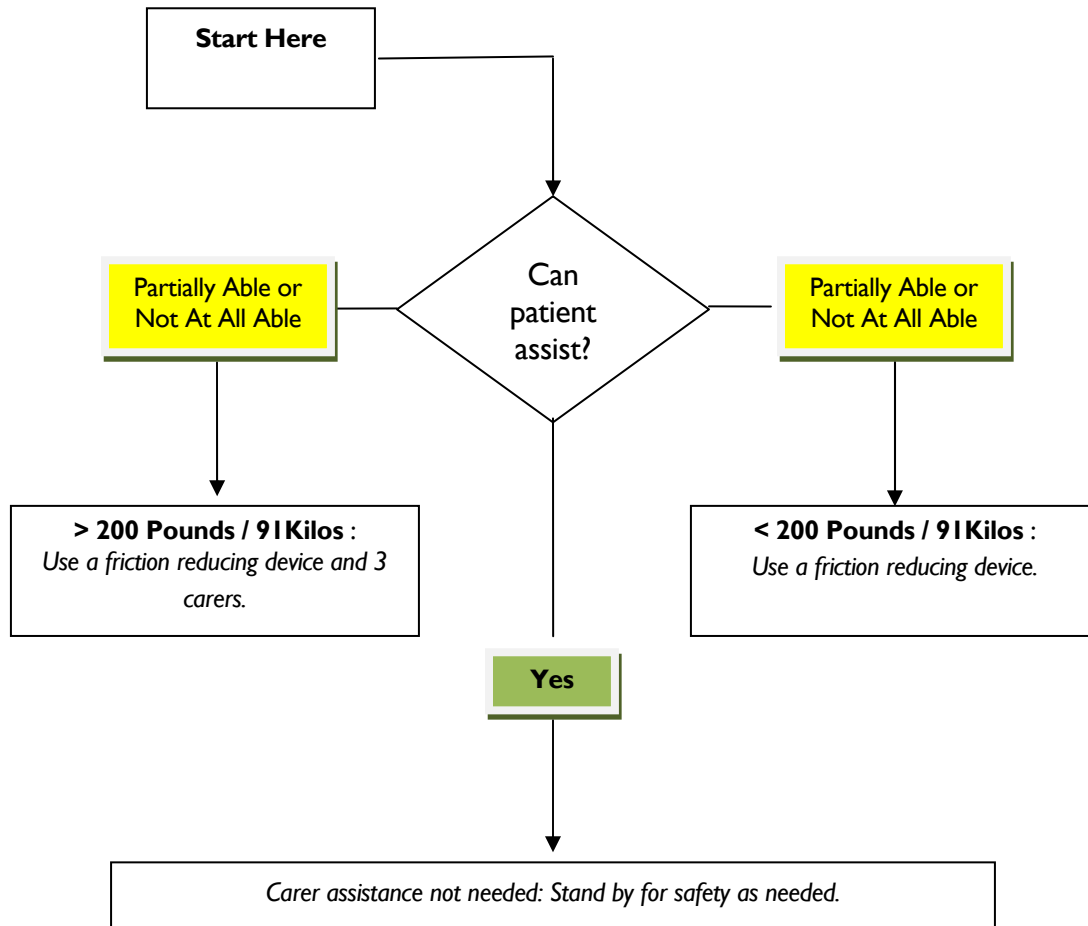


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- Surfaces should be even for all lateral patient moves.
- For patients with stage III or IV pressure ulcers, care must be taken to avoid shearing force
- During any patient transferring task, if any carer is required to lift more than 35 lbs/16kg. 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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The first decision point in this algorithm is whether or not the patient can assist. If they are partially able or not at all able and less than 200lbs/90kg, use a slide sheet or transfer board? If they are partially able or not at all able and greater than 200lbs/90kg, use a slide sheet or transfer board and 3 carers.

If the patient can assist, carer assistance is not needed, but they should stand by for safety.

General Notes:

- Surfaces should be even for all lateral patient moves.
- For patients with Stage 3 or 4 pressure ulcers, care must be taken to avoid shearing force.
- During any patient transferring task, if any caregiver is required to lift more than 35lbs/16kg 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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