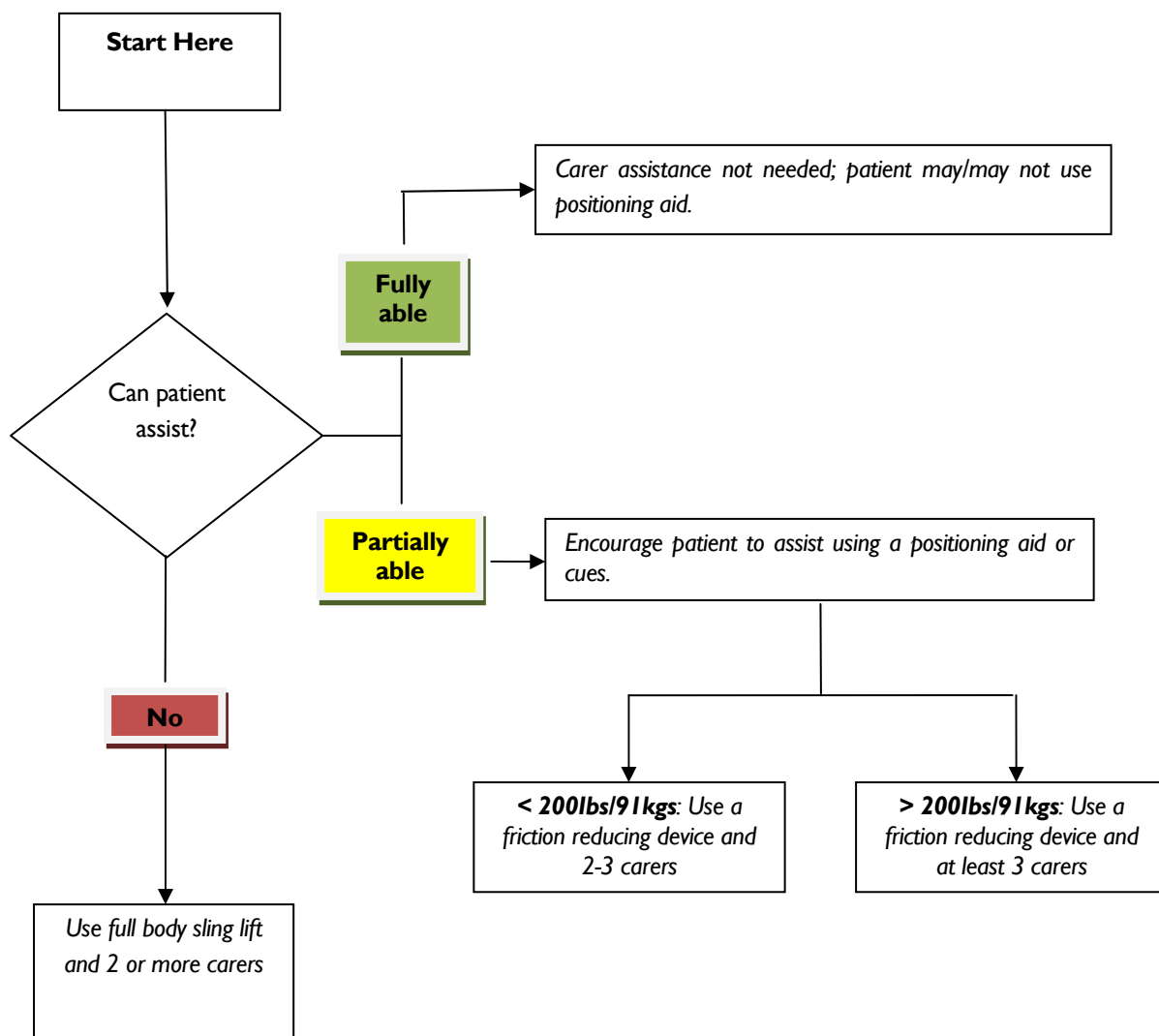


Algorithm 4: Reposition in Bed: Side-to-Side, Up in Bed

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- For patients with Stage 3 or 4 pressure ulcers, care should be taken to avoid shearing force. The height of the bed should be appropriate for staff safety (at the elbows).
- If the patient can assist when repositioning up in bed, ask the patient to flex the knees and push on the count of three.
- During any patient handling task, if any carer 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.

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The first decision point is whether or not the patient can assist. If they are fully able, carer assistance is not needed, the patient may or may not use a positioning aid. If they are only partially able, encourage the patient to assist using a positioning aid or cues. If the patient is less than 200lbs/90kg use a slide sheet and 2 to 3 carers. If they are over 200lbs/90kg use a slide sheet and at least 3 carers.

If the patient is not able to assist use a fully body sling hoist and 2 or more carers.

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