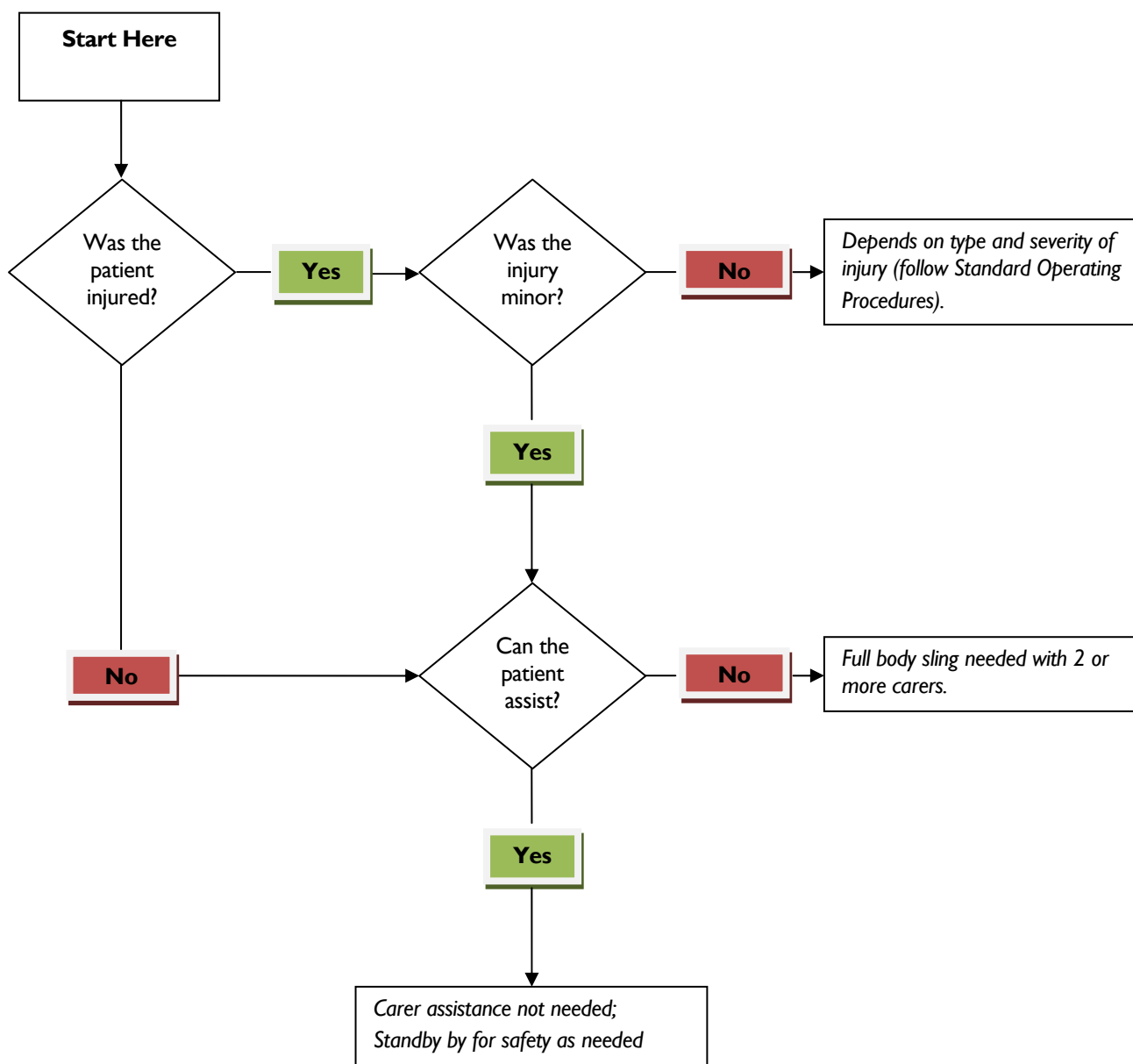


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- Use full body sling hoist that goes all the way down to the floor (most of the newer models are capable of this).
- During any patient transferring task, if any caregiver is required to lift more than 35lbs/16kg. of a patient's weight, then the patient should be considered to be fully dependent and assistive devices should be used

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The first decision point in this algorithm is whether or not the patient was injured. If they were, and the injury is minor, decide whether or not they can assist. If they can, carer is not needed, stand by for safety. If they cannot assist use a fully body sling hoist with 2 or more carers. If the injury is not minor, and depending on the type and severity of the injury, you should follow Standard Operating Procedures.

If the patient was not injured, decide if they can assist. If they can, carer assistance is not needed, stand by for safety. If they cannot assist, use a full body sling hoist and 2 or more carers.

General Notes:

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