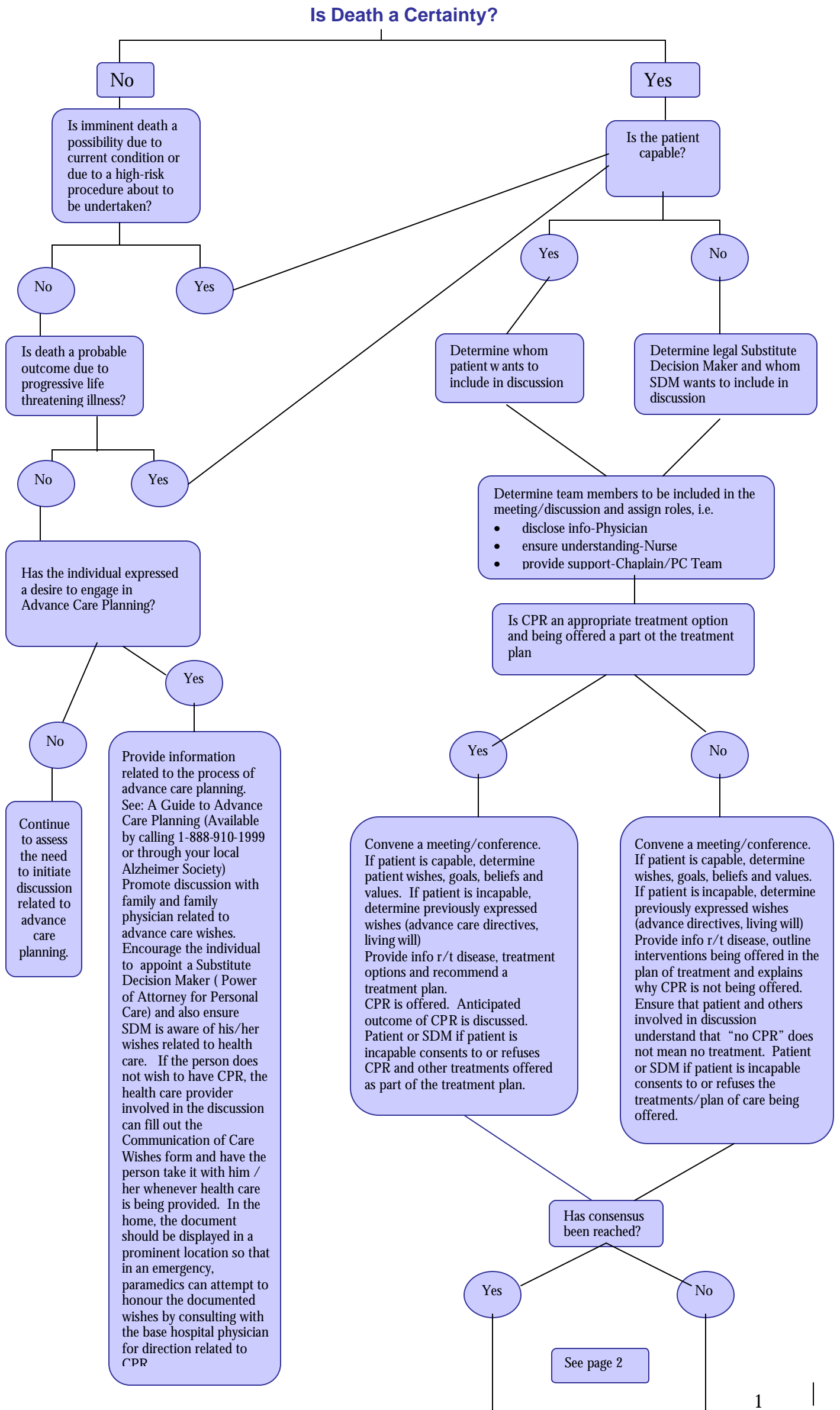


Algorithm for End-of-Life Decision Making / Advance Care Planning



Has consensus been reached?

Yes

No

Document details of discussion and expressed consent to the plan of treatment

Document details of discussion and plan of action for conflict resolution

Communicate plan to all providers involved in care. The most recently expressed wishes (verbal or by any other means) of the person are to be honoured in an emergency situation. Review and discuss the treatment plan at the request of the patient/ resident, the SDM, if the person is incapable, whenever there is a significant change in condition and at regularly scheduled reviews.

Arrange for Expert Opinion Refer to Supportive / Palliative Care Team

Appropriate Team members meet individually with parties to gather info:

- Normalize the conflict
- Assess cultural difference
- Identify the meaning of the conflict
- Consider problems related to differences in power and hierarchy
- Acknowledge desire for voluntary resolution

Convene a Meeting

- Negotiate ground rules
- Acknowledge the conflict
- Bring new expert opinions to the table
- Identify the cost of the conflict
- Appeal to a higher responsibility
- Clarify what is being said
- Identify meaning
- Find a shared purpose
- Test choices for outcome

Has consensus been reached?

Yes

No

- Arrange ethical and/or legal consultation
- Continue dialogue and ongoing support to all parties.
- Remain open to voluntary resolution.
- Reconvene to discuss information following ethical / legal consultations.
- Inform parties of the plan of treatment to be enacted

DOCUMENT DETAILS OF DISCUSSION AND PLAN OF TREATMENT ON THE HEALTH CARE RECORD.

Reference: Ian Anderson Continuing Education in End-of-Life Care, University of Toronto Advance Directives on Care Choices, Alzheimer Strategy: Initiative # 7 CPSO Policy – Decision Making for the End of Life Algorithm developed by: The Grey Bruce Palliative Care Collaborative Committee, Grey Bruce Health Services – Owen Sound Palliative Care Team and the Grey Bruce Pain and Symptom Management Program.