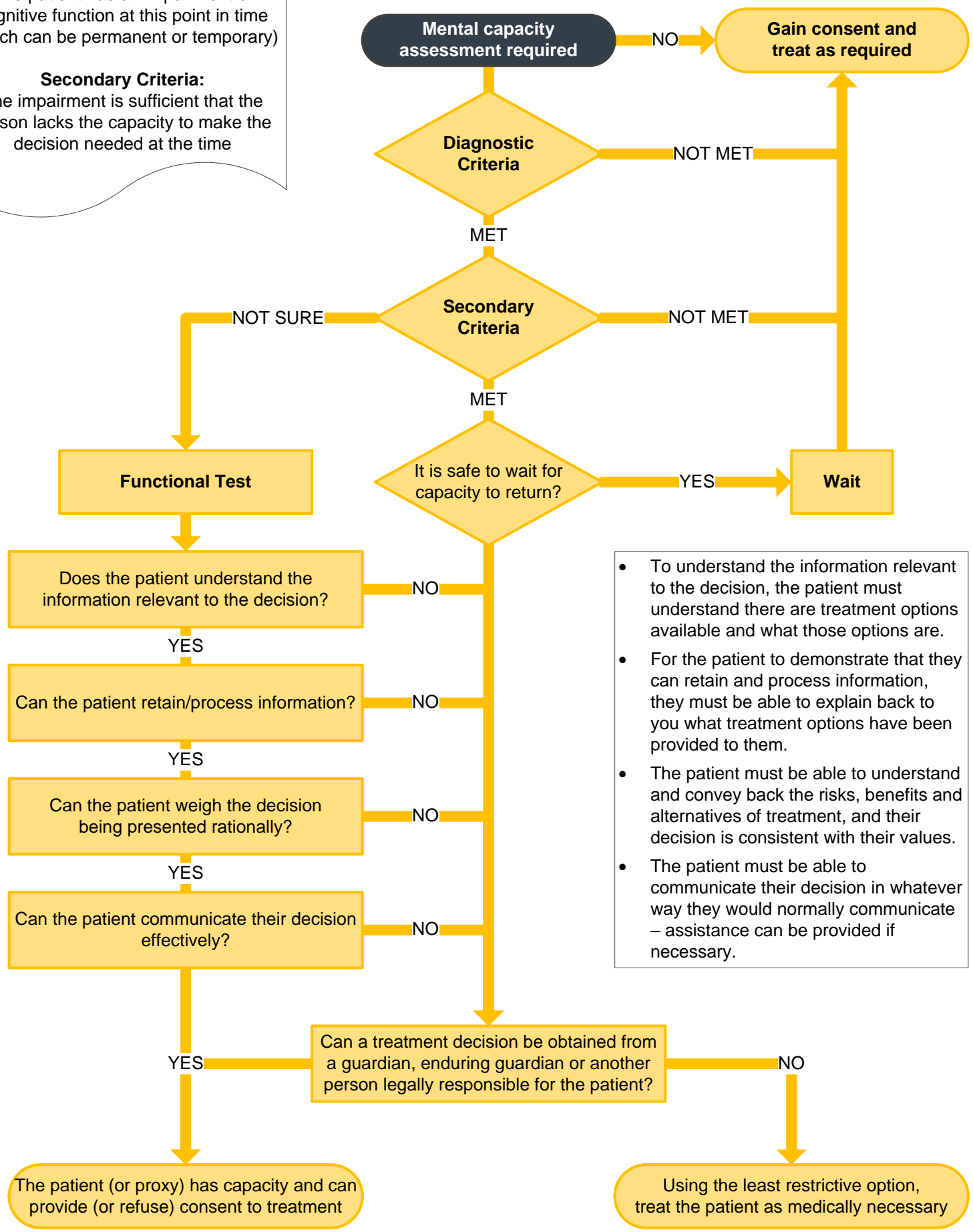


Capacity Assessment Tool

Diagnostic Criteria:
The patient has an impairment of cognitive function at this point in time (which can be permanent or temporary)

Secondary Criteria:
The impairment is sufficient that the person lacks the capacity to make the decision needed at the time

Consent must be **voluntary, informed, current & relevant**



- To understand the information relevant to the decision, the patient must understand there are treatment options available and what those options are.
- For the patient to demonstrate that they can retain and process information, they must be able to explain back to you what treatment options have been provided to them.
- The patient must be able to understand and convey back the risks, benefits and alternatives of treatment, and their decision is consistent with their values.
- The patient must be able to communicate their decision in whatever way they would normally communicate – assistance can be provided if necessary.