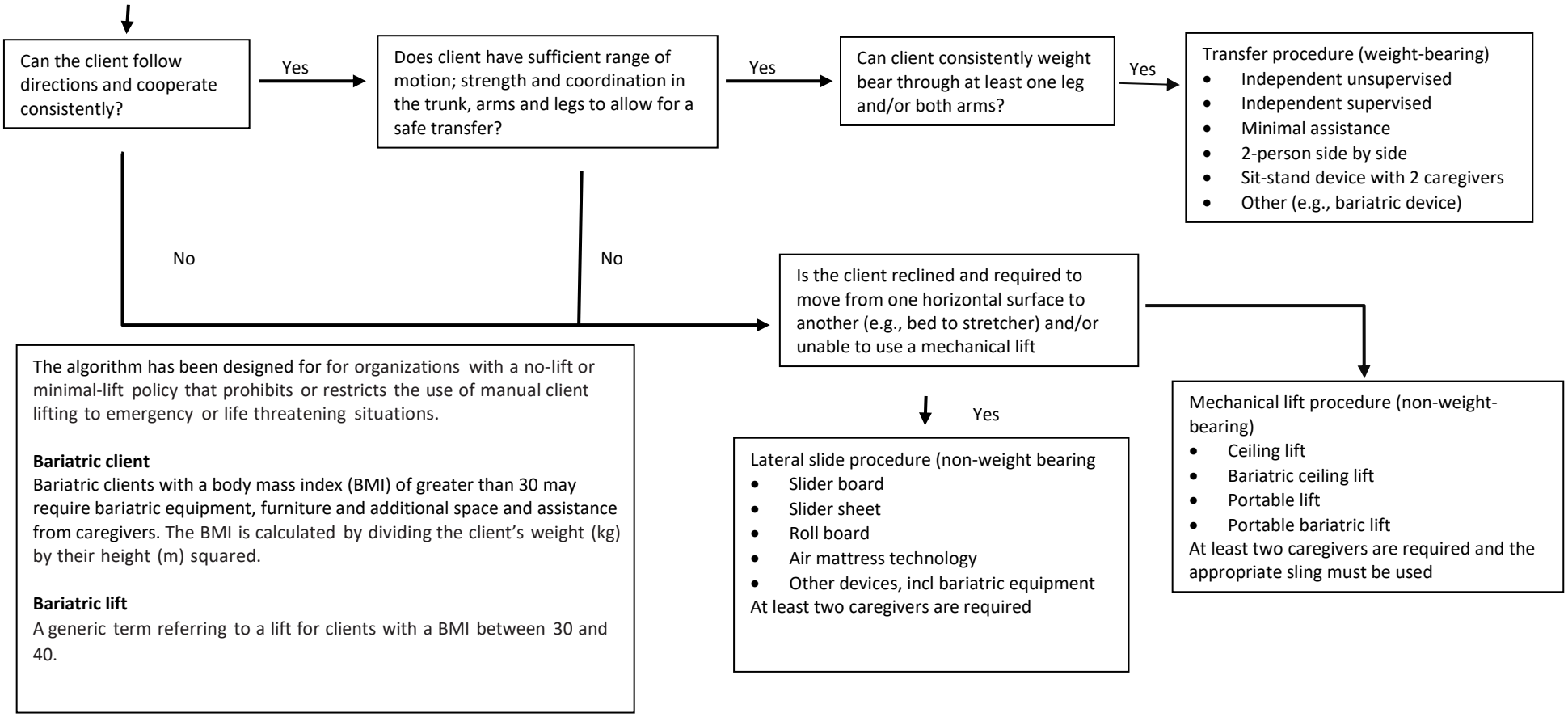
Client Mobility Assessment Algorithm

Prior to proceeding with the client mobility assessment:

- Ensure the client is medically safe to move including medical precautions, e.g., hip precautions. Assess client's height and weight.
- Assess the client's pain level and medical devices to ensure they can proceed with client handling procedure
- Ensure environmental conditions and equipment are suitable to perform the task
- Ensure caregivers are trained and competent to perform the tasks



The algorithm has been designed for for organizations with a no-lift or minimal-lift policy that prohibits or restricts the use of manual client lifting to emergency or life threatening situations.

Bariatric client
Bariatric clients with a body mass index (BMI) of greater than 30 may require bariatric equipment, furniture and additional space and assistance from caregivers. The BMI is calculated by dividing the client's weight (kg) by their height (m) squared.

Bariatric lift
A generic term referring to a lift for clients with a BMI between 30 and 40.

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