Low Tech Communication Strategies

STEP I - SPEACS-2 ASSESSMENT

S ensory

Does patient use glasses/hearing aids? Are they available?

P oint / Write

Point to your feet / picture / person Write your name / favorite color

E TT vs. Oral Movement

Count from 1 to 10 What was your first job?

A ttention / Cognition

Is patient alert / following commands? Raise your arm and make a fist Blink your eyes twice Does patient need comprehension support?

C lear Yes / No

How does patient signal yes / no? Are patient's responses reliable?

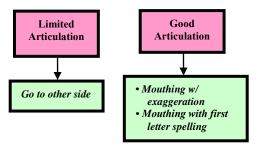
S peaks / Reads English

Any language barriers? Is patient Literate?

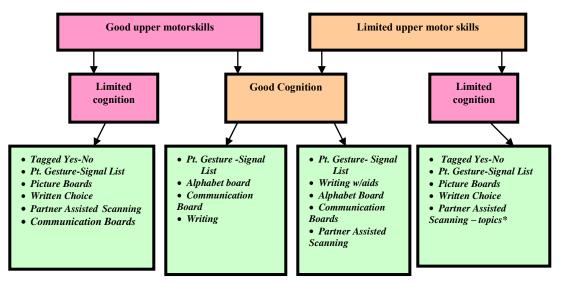
<u>STEP II – PROVIDE COMPREHENSION</u> <u>STRATEGIES</u>

- •Hearing Aids/Glasses
 - -Audiology consult
- Get Attention & Face
- Pause Time
- Clear Yes/No
- Confirm Message
- Procedure Boards
- Written key words
- Nurse Gestures

<u>STEP III – CHOOSE STRATEGY BASED ON ORAL</u> MOTOR SKILL



STEP IV - CHOOSE STRATEGIES FOR EXPRESSIVE COMMUNICATION



*Consult Speech Language Pathologist (SLP) for complex strategies or if selected strategies are unsuccessful.

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