

## Low Tech Communication Strategies

### STEP I – SPEACS-2 ASSESSMENT

#### **S**ensory

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

#### **P**oint / **W**rite

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

#### **E**TT vs. **O**ral Movement

Count from 1 to 10  
What was your first job?

#### **A**ttention / **C**ognition

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

#### **C**lear **Y**es / **N**o

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

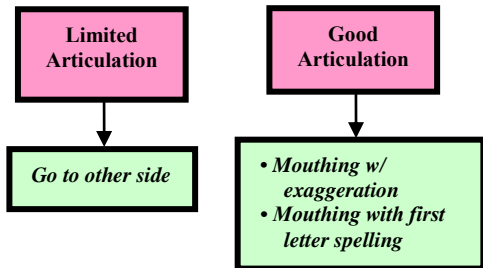
#### **S**peaks / **R**eads **E**nglish

Any language barriers?  
Is patient Literate?

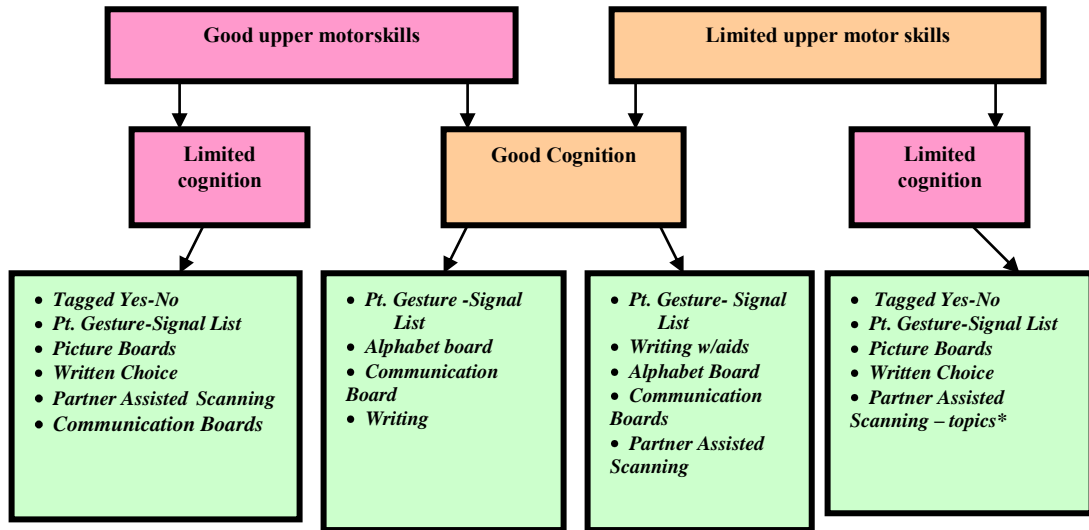
### STEP II – PROVIDE COMPREHENSION STRATEGIES

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

### STEP III – CHOOSE STRATEGY BASED ON ORAL MOTOR SKILL



## **STEP IV – CHOOSE STRATEGIES FOR EXPRESSIVE COMMUNICATION**



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