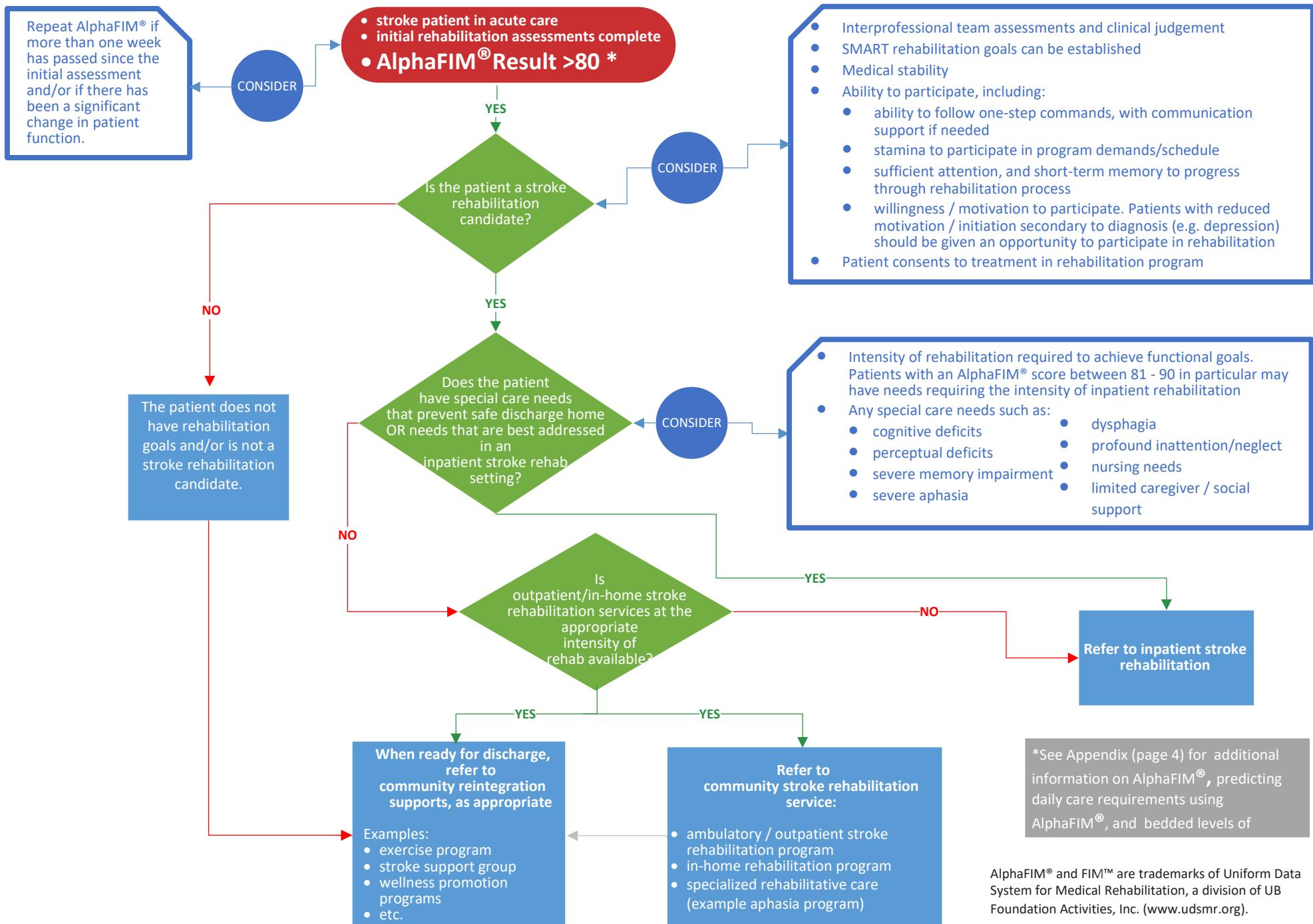


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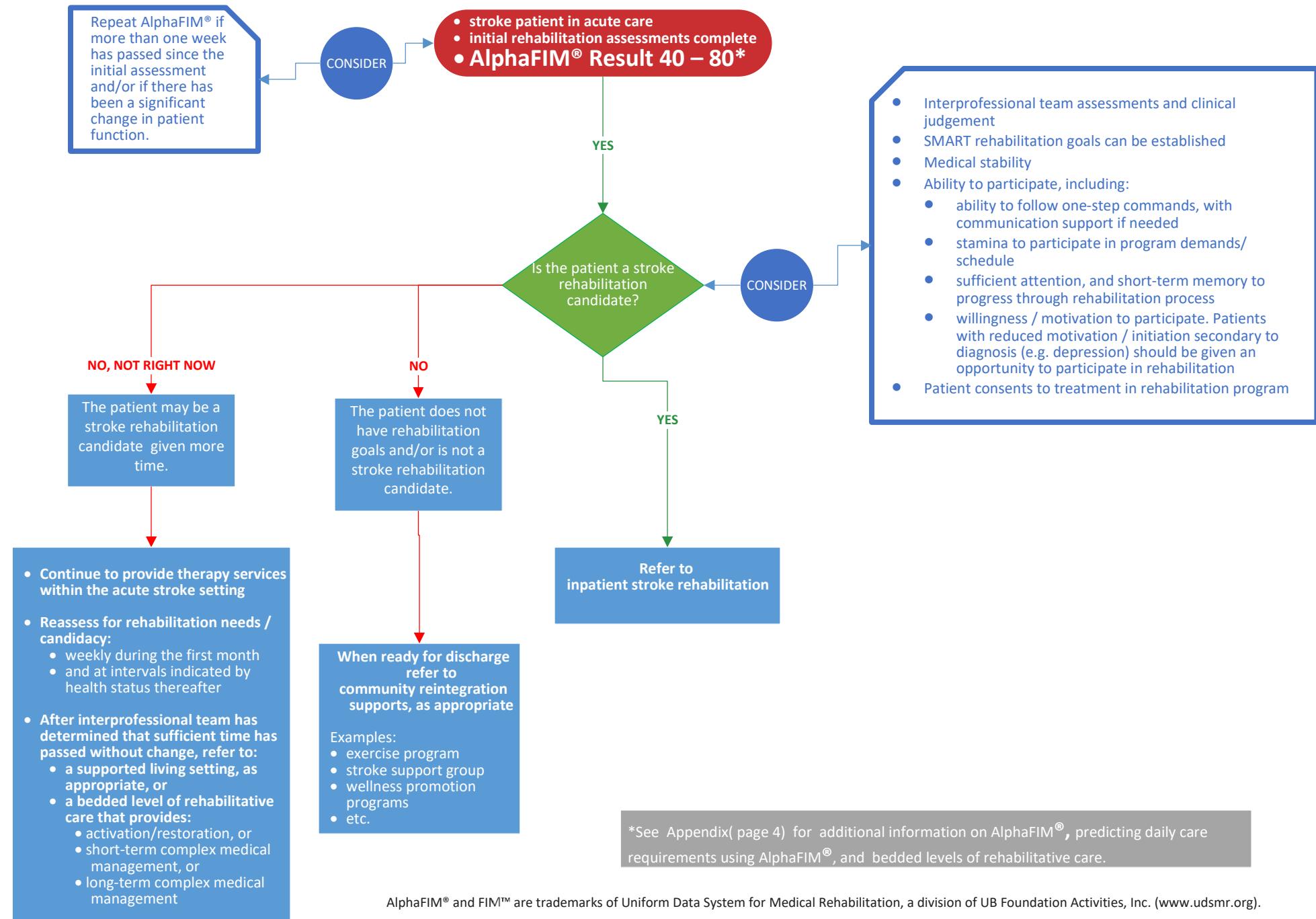
Note – this model provides guidance for triaging stroke patients from acute care to their most appropriate rehabilitation destinations; final decisions should be made on a case-by-case basis



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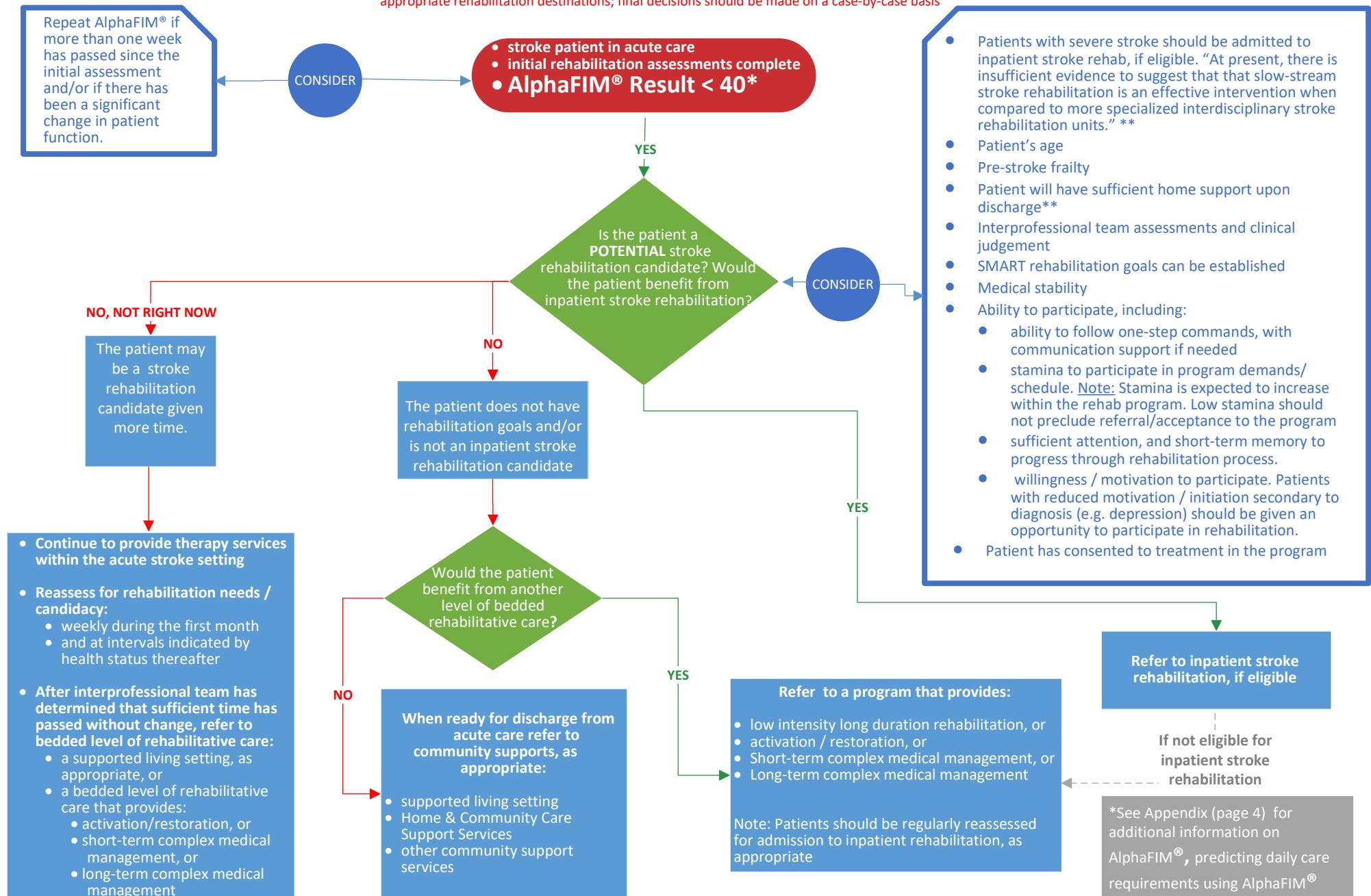


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### Use of AlphaFIM®

AlphaFIM® can help determine where a patient would be best served after acute treatment is complete and can expedite triage to rehabilitation<sup>1</sup>. Information generated by the AlphaFIM® is meant to serve as a guide<sup>2</sup>. It is one component for consideration in discharge planning.<sup>1</sup> Discharge planning should consider:

1. AlphaFIM® score
2. clinical judgement
3. rehabilitation assessment results.

Consider repeating AlphaFIM® if more than one week has passed since the initial assessment and/or if there has been a significant change in patient function.

### Predicting Daily Care Requirements Using AlphaFIM®

The AlphaFIM® assesses the burden of care in the acute care setting<sup>2</sup>. The AlphaFIM® instrument projects or estimates a patient's level of function on the wider range of tasks that would be assessed by the full FIM® instrument, if the FIM® was completed on the same day that the AlphaFIM® was completed.

The average stroke patient makes a 20 -25-point change in FIM® during inpatient rehabilitation<sup>4</sup>. The approximate daily hours of assistance required should be considered when discussing discharge plans.

Raw FIM® rating (sum of raw motor and cognitive rating)	Daily care requirements (hours of assistance)
20	>8
21-30	Approximately 7-8
31-40	Approximately 6-7
41-50	Approximately 5-6
51-60	Approximately 4-5
60	Approximately 4
80	Approximately 2
90	Approximately 1
100	Minimal or no assistance
110	No Assistance

1. Ontario Regional Stroke Networks Rehabilitation Coordinator Group AlphaFIM® Backgrounder November 2023
2. AlphaFIM® Instrument Guide 4.03
3. Assessing Client Function with the AlphaFIM® Instrument Training Module, Ontario Regional Stroke Networks Rehabilitation Coordinator Group, 2020
4. Ontario Stroke Evaluation Report, Ontario Stroke Network 2012

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