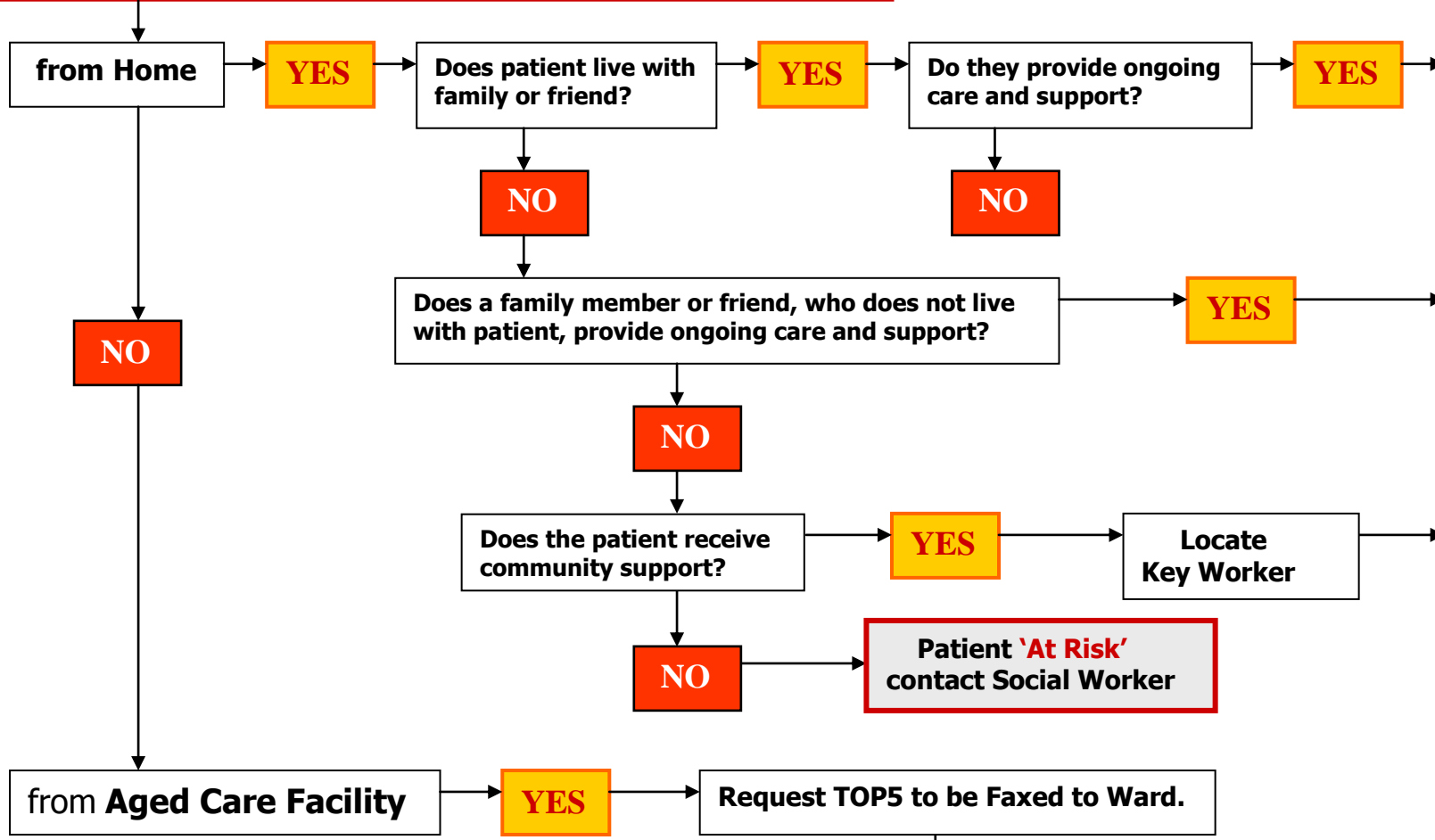




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TOP5 may be useful for a **patient** who has difficulty communicating their needs; has memory and thinking problems; is unable to make informed decisions re their care; requires assistance with ADL's ; requires social & emotional support; requires assistance with decision making.

Patient with cognitive impairment admitted to ward



Contact CARER or Key Worker in person, or phone.

1. Ask if they have heard of TOP5. (They may have one for community support workers.) If not, give TOP5 pamphlet.
2. Acknowledge their expertise and knowledge of patient.
3. Ask for information on patient's likes, dislikes, and idiosyncracies.
4. Identify strategies to help settle and comfort patient.
5. Invite carer to bring, or send in to the ward, small *inexpensive personal items* that have special meaning to the patient e.g. photo album, rug, music, handbag, item of clothes, etc.

Write up TOP5 Strategies
(Forms in ward's TOP5 folder)

Place TOP5 strategies and TOP5 I.D. Tag on Bed Chart

Place TOP5 sticker on spine of medical record, and in progress notes, noting TOP5 has been identified.