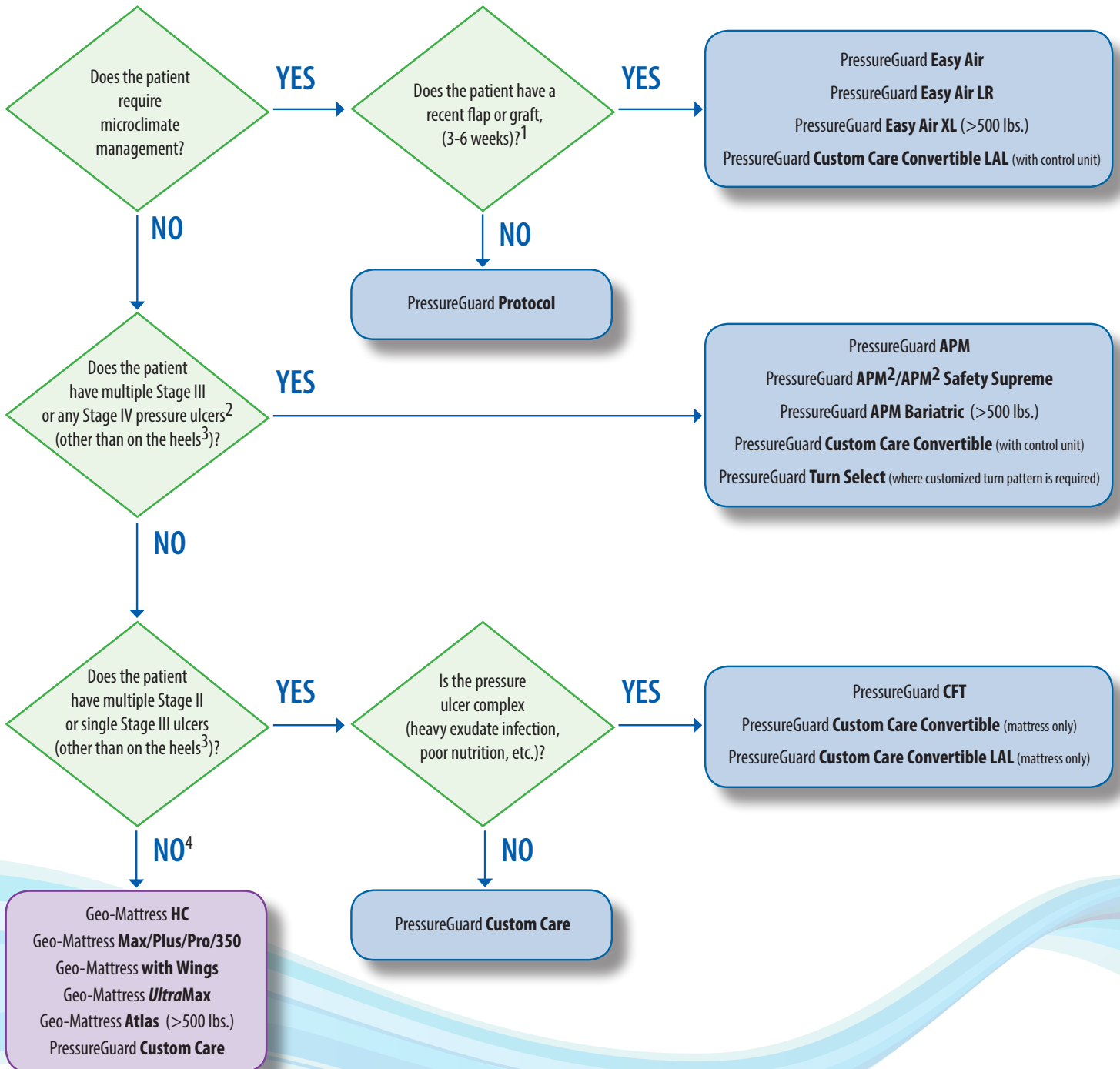


SUPPORT SURFACE MANAGEMENT ALGORITHM

*This algorithm is meant as a guide, not a substitute for clinical judgment.
It should be used only as an adjunct to a full patient assessment, and
should not preclude use of any product positioned higher on the algorithm.*



Notes/Clinical References:

- ¹ Follow surgeon's recommended schedule for graduated tissue loading, including specific guidelines regarding duration and repositioning. Avoid sliding resident on surface during repositioning, ADLs & transfers. *Source: Wound Care Practice, Sheffield, P. 1st edition, 2004, Chapter 17, P. 345.* Other Span surfaces may be appropriate if used according to the guidelines.
- ² In situations where positioning on the pressure ulcer cannot be avoided (e.g. the individual has multiple ulcers on multiple surfaces), limit the amount of time the individual is positioned on the ulcer. *Source: NPUAP/EPUAP Pressure Ulcer Prevention & Treatment, Clinical Practice Guideline, p. 66-67.*
- ³ Heel ulcers are difficult to heal and should be elevated off of the bed. Consider using Heel Manager™ or other Span positioners.
- ⁴ UltraMax may also be appropriate for multiple Stage II or single Stage III ulcers, and Max, Plus, Pro, Wings, Atlas or 350 may be appropriate for single Stage II ulcers, based on full assessment of skin status and repositioning required, according to best clinical practice and judgment.