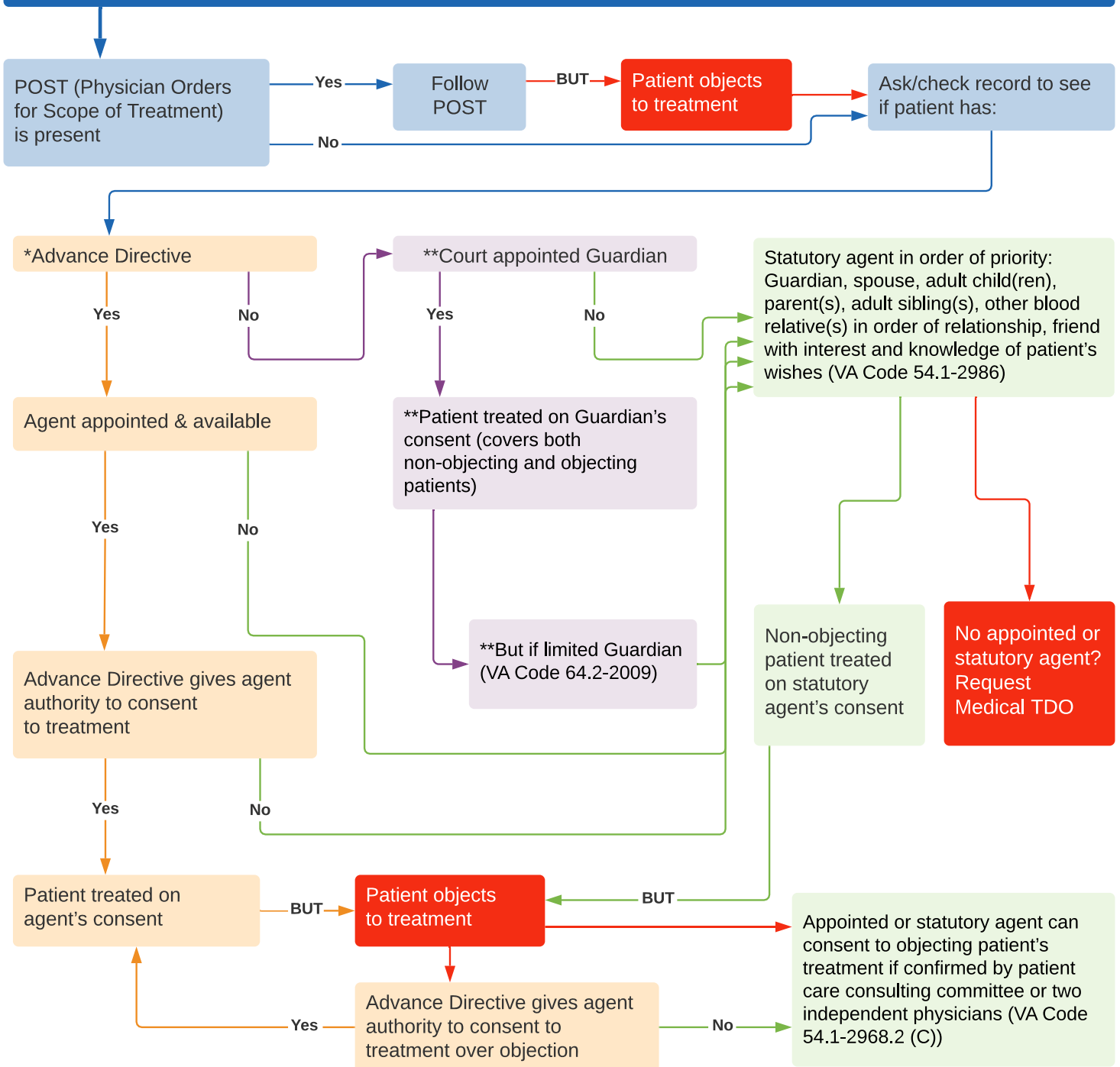


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Patient LACKS capacity to make an informed decision about treatment



Contact the Virginia Advance Directives Registry at (800) 548-9455.

*Note: The Advance Directive is not activated until the attending physician and second physician or clinical psychologist, after personal examination, finds the patient lacks capacity to make an informed decision about treatment (VA Code 54.1-2983.2). READ THE ADVANCE DIRECTIVE: Check for limits on agent's authority.

**READ THE COURT ORDER: On rare occasions, a guardian may be given only limited authority by the court order to consent to medical care for the person.

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