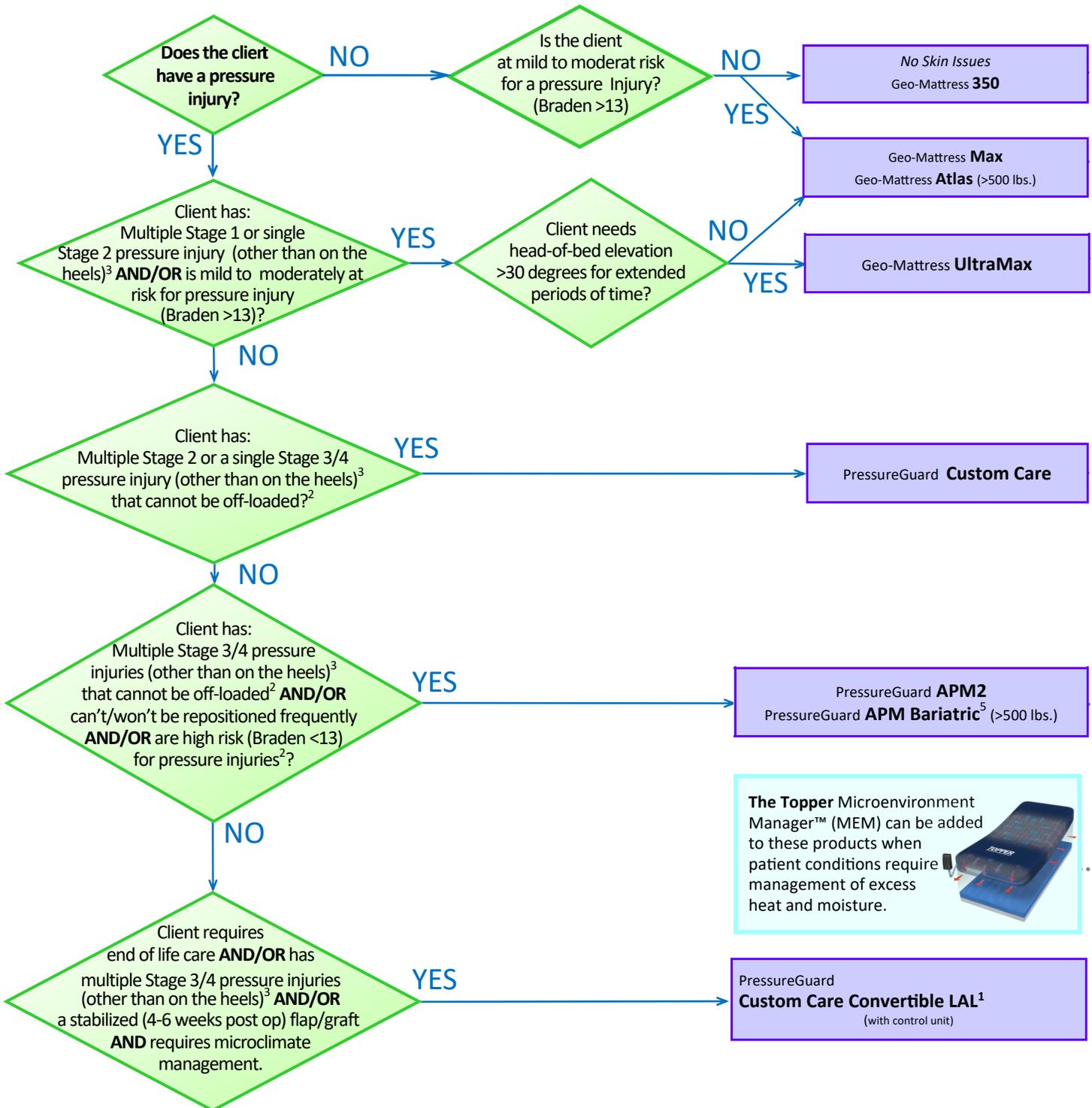


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Notes/Clinical References:

1. If patient has a flap or graft that is less than 4 weeks post-op, total off-loading (proning) is required. Avoid sliding patient on surface during repositioning, ADLs & transfers. Only float or alternating pressure modes (not lateral rotation) should be used when the patient is placed directly on the flap or graft. 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. Heel injuries are difficult to heal and should be elevated off of the bed.
3. As bariatric products, the APM Bariatric is not designed to ensure sufficient pressure redistribution and comfort for users less than 500 lbs. For these users, non-bariatric PressureGuard models in standard (35"W) or extra-wide widths should be selected.