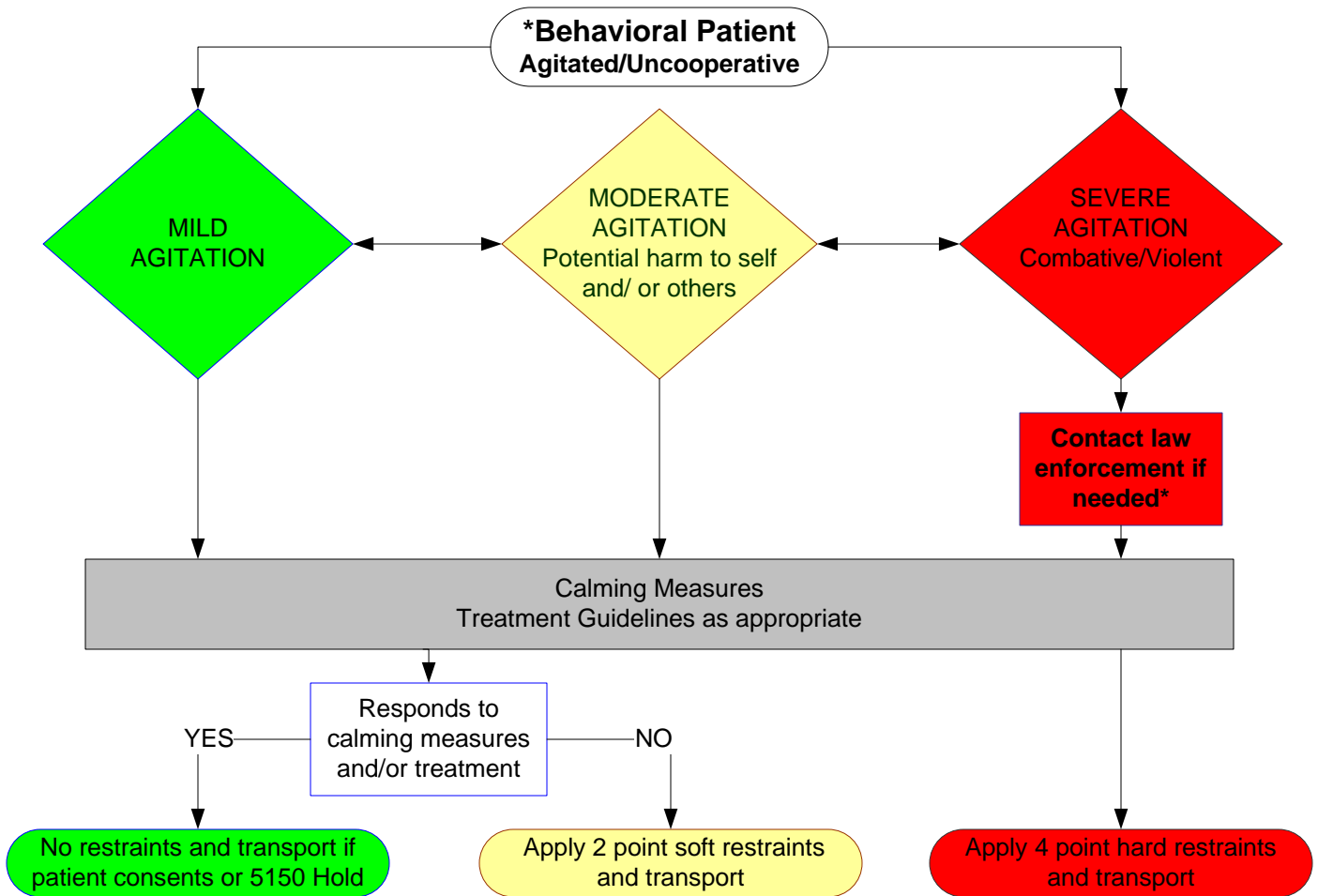


**LOS ANGELES COUNTY EMS AGENCY  
MEDICAL CONTROL GUIDELINES**

**TREATMENT**

**PRINCIPLE:**

1. The use of restraints is a high risk procedure
2. Circulation and neurological functions should be assessed every 15 minutes
3. Airway, breathing and circulations (ABCs) should be continuously monitored
4. Restraints are to remain on the patient until patient care has been transferred to the receiving facility
5. EMS personnel should be familiar with individual agency policies on restraints
6. Provider agency's quality improvement plan should include restraint indicators
7. Safety of the patient and EMS personnel should be a primary consideration for the application of restraints



**\*Consideration:**

Behavioral problems may be due to medical conditions such as: head injury, metabolic disorder, alcohol and drugs, psychiatric disorders.  
Treat per appropriate Treatment Guideline or Protocol.  
Strong consideration should be given to law enforcement involvement.