**SPEACS-2 Communication Assessment and Intervention**

Non-speaking ICU Patient

- Assess cognitive skills
  - orientation
  - attention
  - delirium

- Assess language, literacy

Consult SLP or translator services

Provide Comprehension Support
- Hearing Aids/Glasses
  - Audiology consult
- Get Attention & Face
- Pause Time
- Clear Yes/No
- Confirm Message
- Procedure Boards
- Written key words
- Nurse Gestures

**ETT**

Limited Articulation

Good articulation

Good upper motor skills

Limited upper motor skills

Limited cognition

Good cognition

Limited cognition

- Tagged Yes-No
- Pt. Gesture-Signal List
- Picture Boards
- Written Choice
- Partner Assisted Scanning*

- Pt. Gesture-Signal List
- Alphabet board
- Communication Board
- Writing

- Pt. Gesture-Signal List
- Writing w/aids
- Alphabet Board
- Communication Boards
- Partner Assisted Scanning*

- Tagged Yes-No
- Pt. Gesture-Signal List
- Picture Boards
- Written Choice
- Partner Assisted Scanning – topics*

*Consult Speech Language Pathologist (SLP) for complex strategies or if selected strategies are unsuccessful.

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