

Chart 1: Identification of a Suspected Concussion

CONCUSSION-RELATED INCIDENT IS OBSERVED/REPORTED

● TEACHER / COACH

Stop the activity immediately and safely remove the student from participation:

- Initiate the school's Emergency First Aid Response (e.g., basic principles of first aid).
- Complete the appropriate school board tool on the identification of a suspected concussion.
- **Check for Red Flags** Refer to [Sample Tool to Identify a Suspected Concussion - Step 1](#).

YES

Red Flags?

NO

CALL 9-1-1

● TEACHER / COACH

- Stay with the student until Emergency Medical Services (EMS) arrives.
- Contact Parents/Guardians and provide information on the incident, that EMS has been contacted, and provide the name and location of the hospital.
- Refer to [Suspected Concussion: Parents/Guardians Information](#).
- Inform Principal/Designate of the concussion related incident.

■ PRINCIPAL / DESIGNATE

- Inform relevant school staff of the concussion-related incident and/or the suspected concussion.

▲ PARENTS / GUARDIANS

- Report results of medical assessment to Principal/Designate (refer to: [Sample Medical Assessment and Monitoring Form](#)).
- Refer to Medical Assessment Section on page 2.

Initial Assessment

● TEACHER / COACH

- Check for visual clues (signs) and/or symptoms.
- Refer to [Sample Tool to Identify a Suspected Concussion – Step 2](#).

YES

Signs and
Symptoms?

NO

Visual clues (signs) and/or symptoms of a concussion identified

● TEACHER / COACH

- Contact Parents/Guardians and provide information on the incident, the need for student to be picked up and taken for medical assessment as soon as possible, relevant school forms that need to be completed.
- Refer to [Suspected Concussion: Parents/Guardians Information](#).

■ PRINCIPAL / DESIGNATE

- Inform relevant school staff of the concussion-related incident and/or the suspected concussion.

▲ PARENTS / GUARDIANS

- Take student for a medical assessment as soon as possible.

NO visual clues (signs) and/or symptoms of a concussion identified

● TEACHER / COACH

- Contact Parents/Guardians and provide information on the incident and the need for student to be monitored for 48 hours.
- Refer to [Suspected Concussion: Parents/Guardians Information](#).
- Inform Principal/Designate of the concussion related incident.
- Monitor student for 48 hours to identify if visual clue (signs) and/or symptoms emerge.

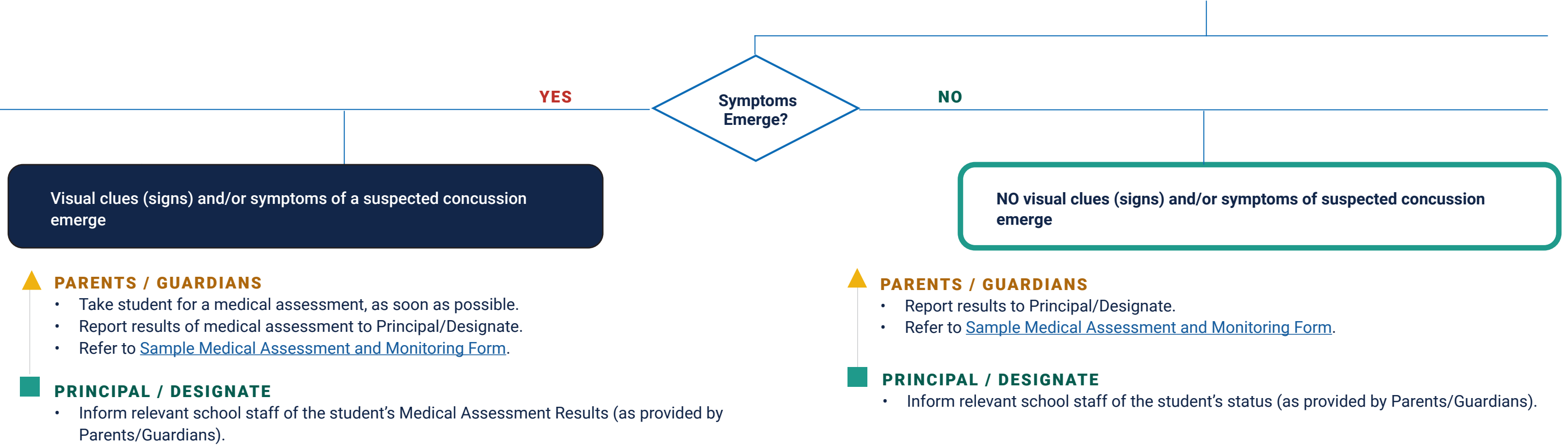
■ PRINCIPAL / DESIGNATE

- Inform relevant school staff of the concussion-related incident and/or the suspected concussion.

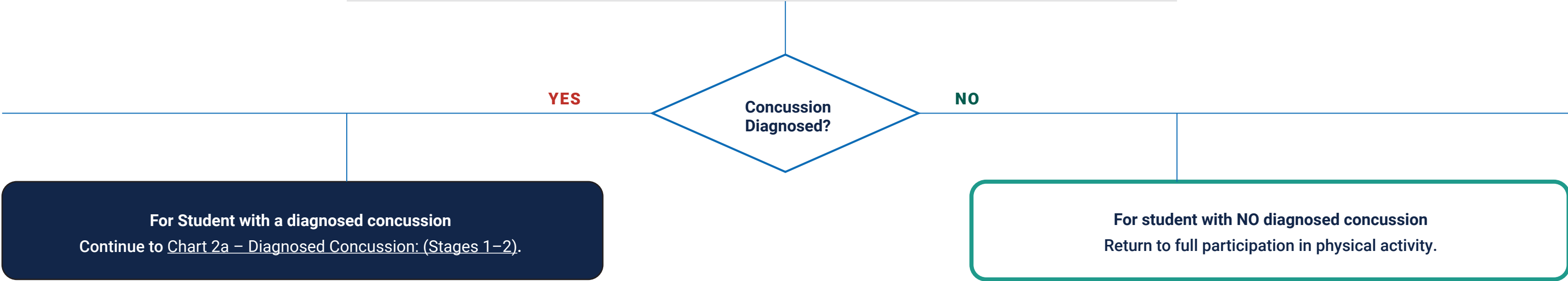
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Chart 1: Identification of a Suspected Concussion (continued)



MEDICAL ASSESSMENT RESULTS



● Teacher / Coach

■ Principal / Designate

▲ Parents / Guardians



For more information, access the [Ontario Physical Activity Safety Standards in Education Concussion Protocol](#).