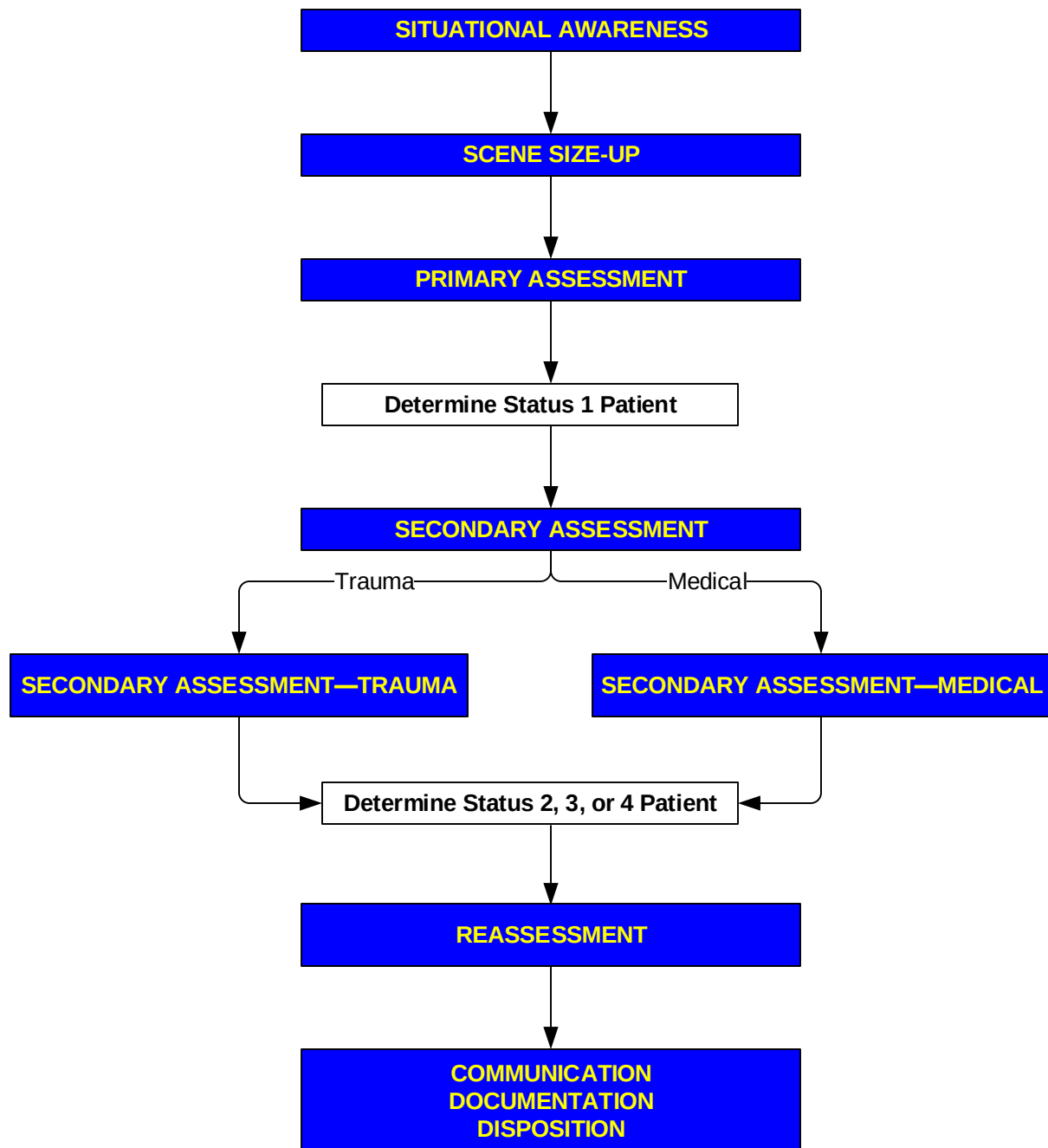


CORE ASSESSMENT



Pearls:

- During the initial and ongoing assessment, the classification of the patient's status remains at the highest triage level and cannot be downgraded.
- Exceptions include successfully treated hypoglycemia and narcotic overdose patients where the GCS improves to 14 or 15 and anxious hyperventilating patients with an initial respiratory rate of > 29 if the patient can be calmed by the medic and the respiratory rate decreases to ≤ 29 .
- Patients triaged as status 3 or 4 should be offered a Telehealth Consult if the patient can be managed on scene.
- Alternative Destination Transport should be offered and considered for patients that cannot be managed on scene but does not require the services of an emergency department.