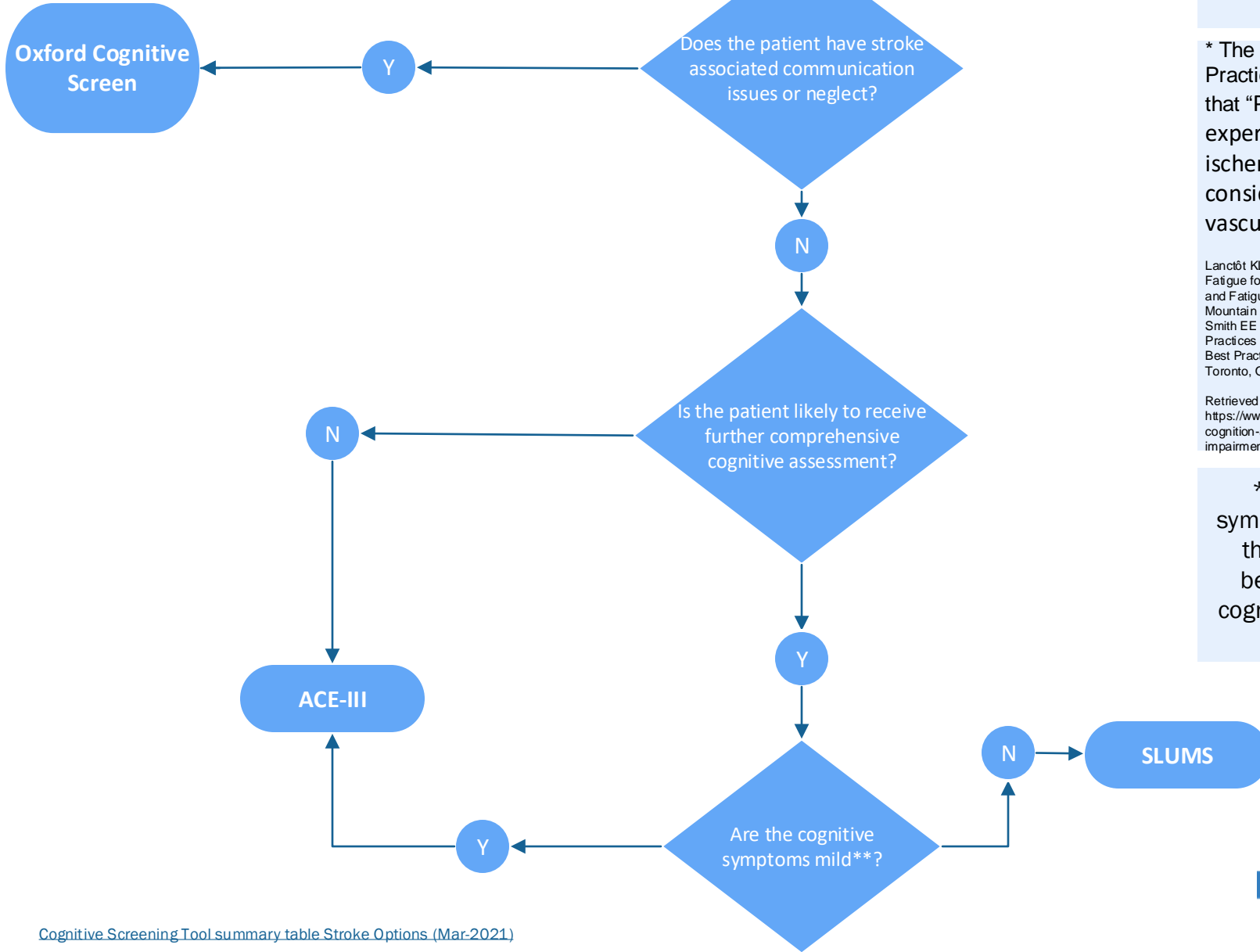


**AHS STROKE COGNITIVE SCREEN ALGORITHM**  
(A guide to clinical reasoning)



Purpose of a **screen** is to identify if an impairment is present. If further information is required regarding discharge planning, appropriateness for rehab or details on specific domains, refer for cognitive **assessment** with HCP experienced in cognitive assessment (such as OT or psychology).

\* The Canadian Stroke Best Practices Guidelines recommend that “People who have experienced a stroke or transient ischemic attack should be considered for screening for vascular cognitive impairment”

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\*\* Severity of cognitive symptoms can be ascertained through observed patient behaviors or documented cognitive impairment noted in past medical history