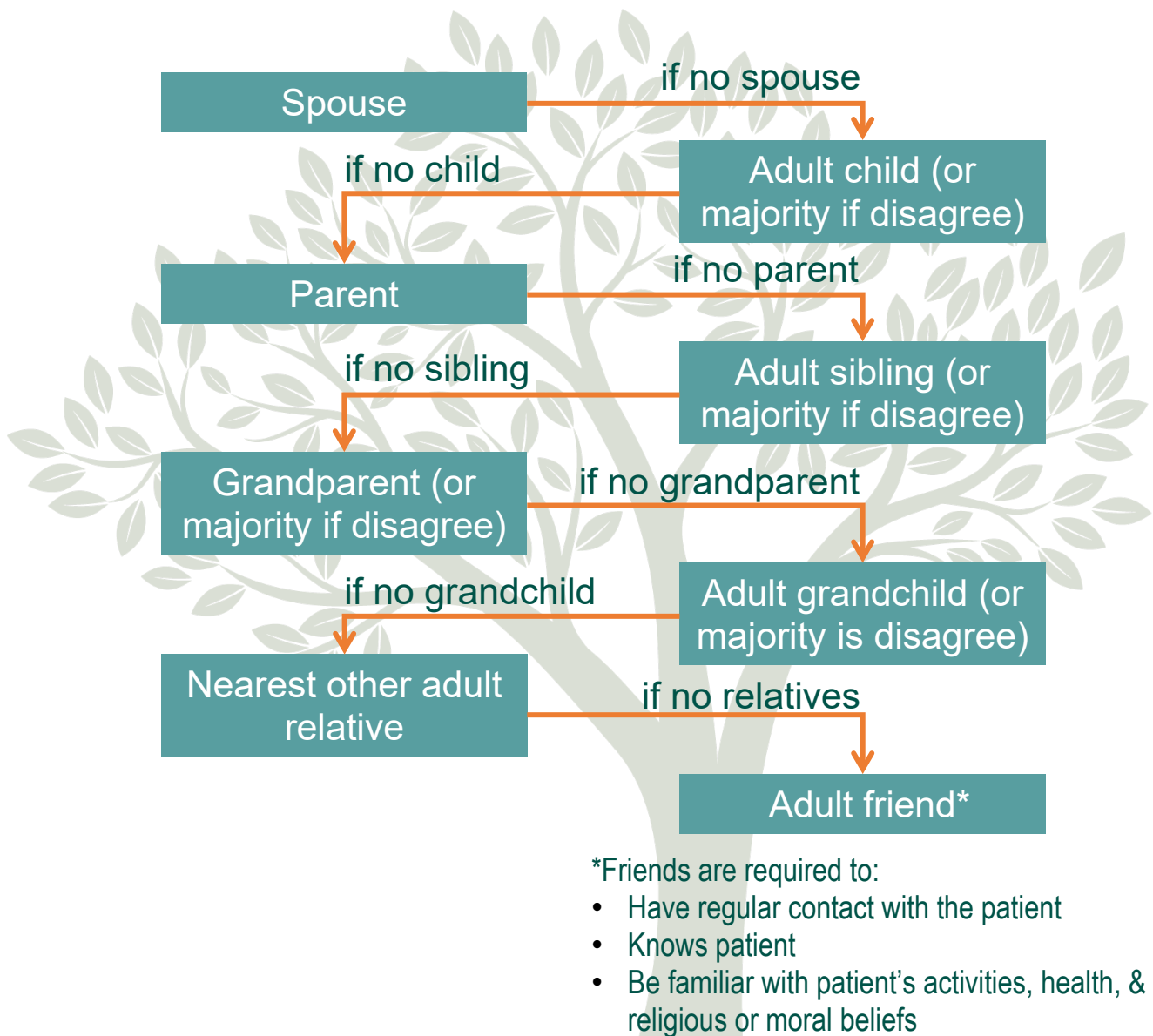


Indiana Proxy Decision Maker Tree



Indiana law allows family members or a close friend to make health care decisions if there is no legally appointed representative. There is a hierarchy in order of priority for these proxy decision-makers.

- The first person eligible to serve as a proxy is the patient's spouse. This means that if the patient is married, his or her spouse can make health care decisions.
- If there is no spouse, then an adult child/majority of adult children can serve as proxy. If no children, then an adult sibling/majority of siblings, and so forth (see above).