**SPEACS-2 Communication Assessment and Intervention**

**Non-speaking ICU Patient**

- **Assess cognitive skills**
  - orientation
  - attention
  - delirium

- **Assess oral motor skills**
  - **Limited Articulation**
  - **Good articulation**

- **Refer to SLP or Respiratory for speaking valve (if good O2 sats & secretion management)**

- **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**

- **Assess motor control of upper extremities**
  - **Good upper motor skills**
  - **Limited upper motor skills**

- **Consult SLP or translator services**

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