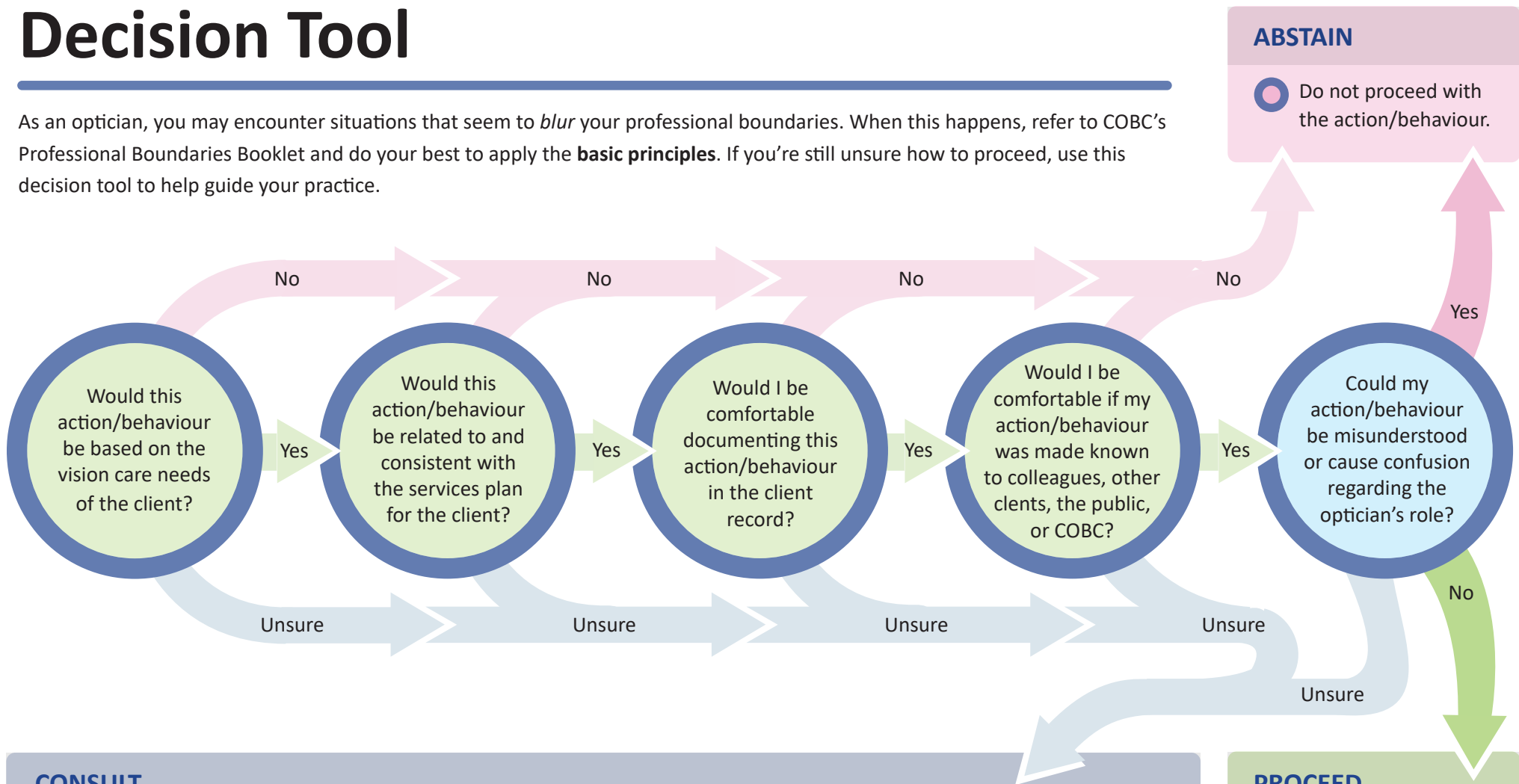


Decision Tool

As an optician, you may encounter situations that seem to *blur* your professional boundaries. When this happens, refer to COBC's Professional Boundaries Booklet and do your best to apply the **basic principles**. If you're still unsure how to proceed, use this decision tool to help guide your practice.



CONSULT

- There will always be "grey areas" in your practice—new or unusual situations that are difficult to navigate. There is no shame in taking a step back when you aren't sure what to do. In fact, it's better to acknowledge your uncertainty than to proceed with an action/behaviour when you don't feel completely confident that it's the right one.
- Many resources are available to support you in your decision-making process. Consider referring to:
 - COBC's Standards of Practice
 - Your workplace colleagues
 - COBC's Professional Boundaries Booklet
 - COBC's Code of Ethic
 - Another optician
- And if you're still not sure how to proceed, you can always contact the COBC team at reception@cobc.ca or 604-742-6472.

PROCEED

- Proceed with the action/behaviour, ensuring that you have the client's informed consent as applicable.
- Document what you are doing in the client record.