

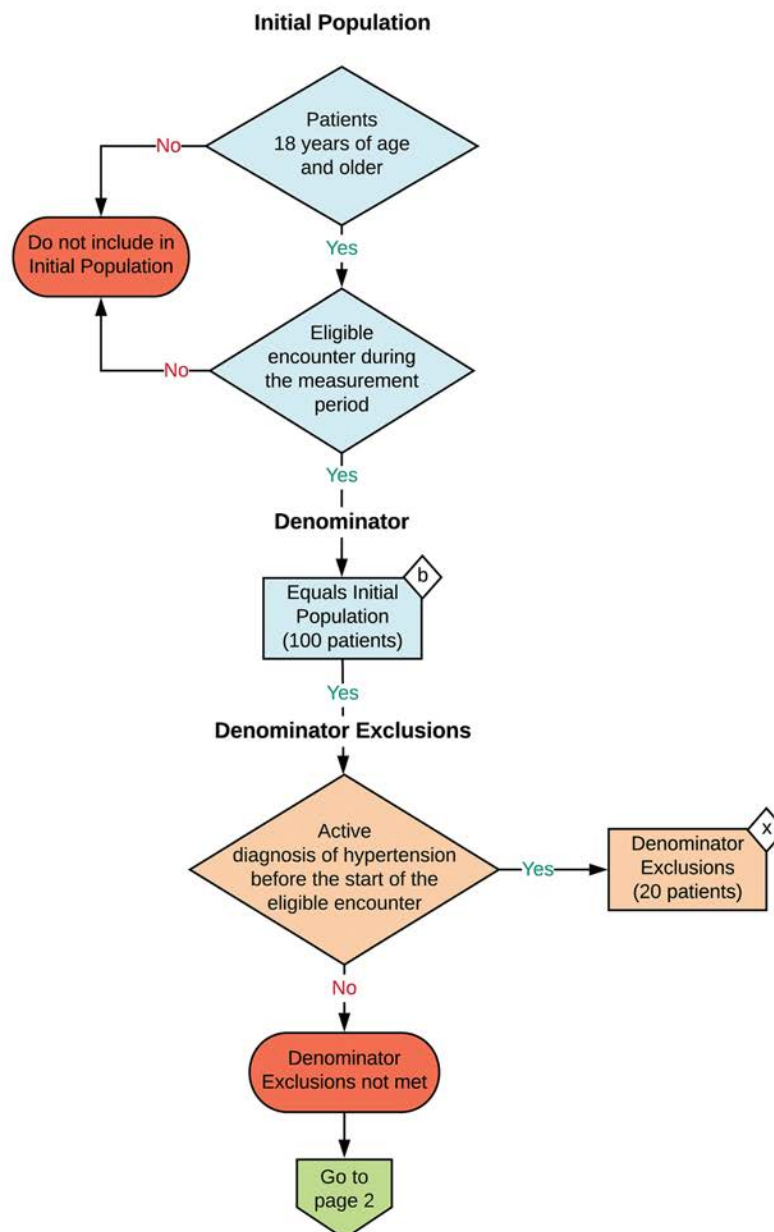
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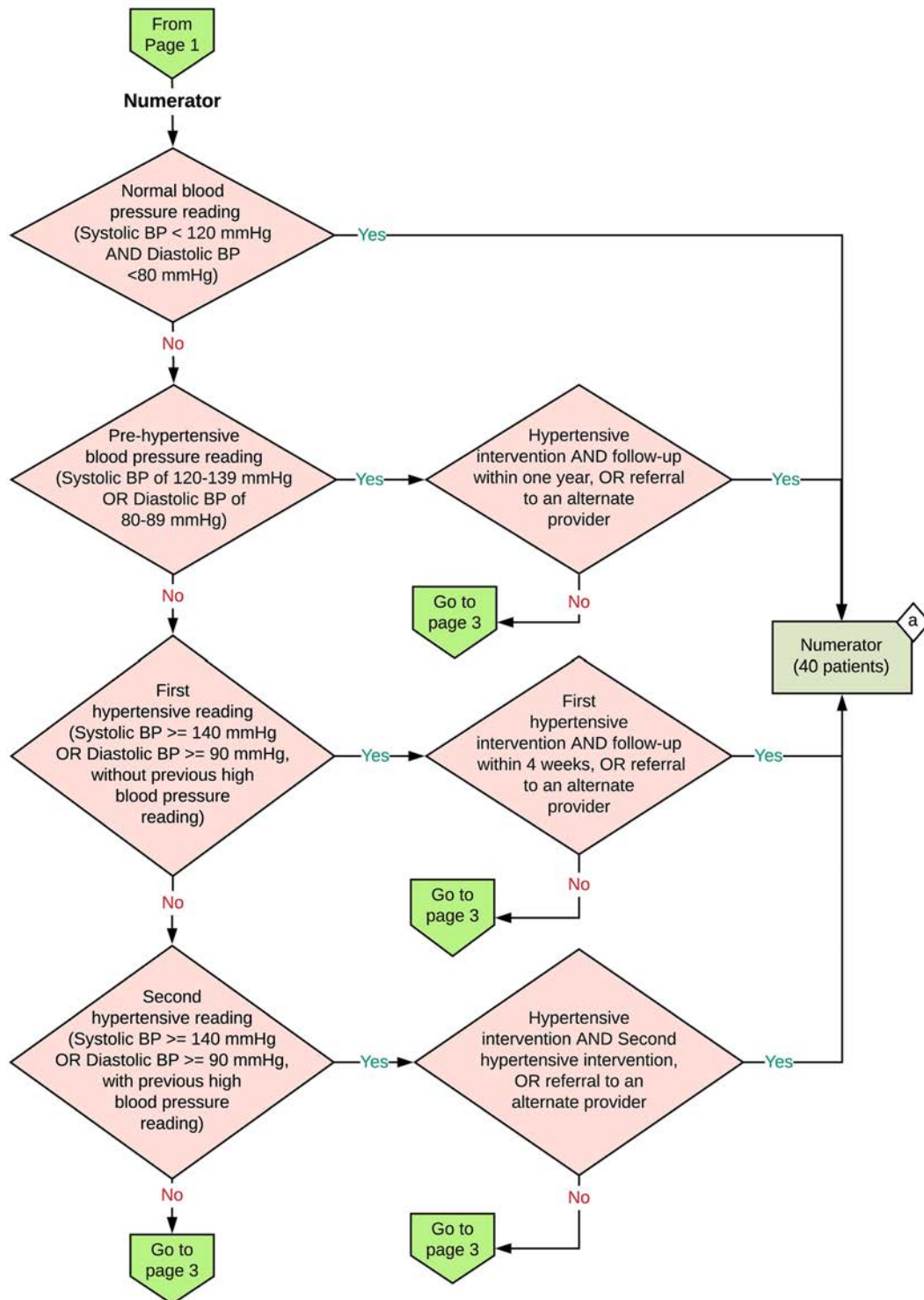
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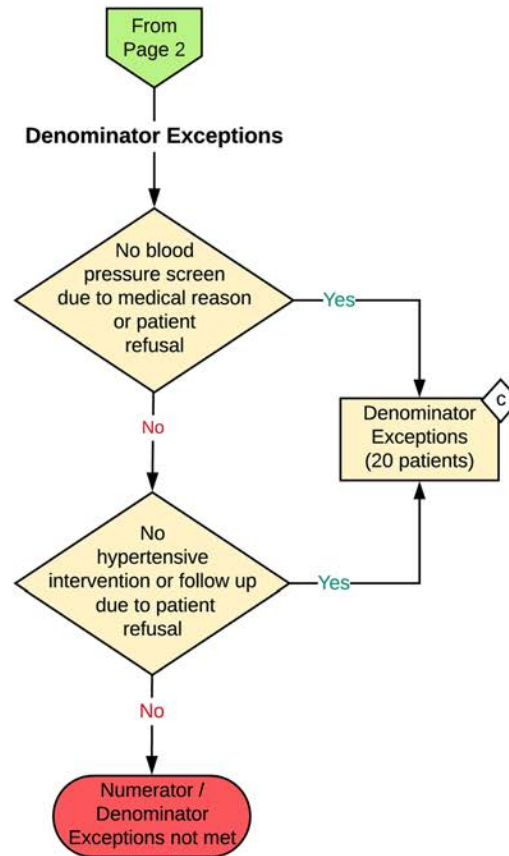
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Sample Calculation

Performance Rate =

$$\frac{\text{Numerator (a = 40 patients)}}{\text{Denominator (b = 100 patients) - Denominator Exclusions (x = 20 patients) - Denominator Exceptions (c = 20 patients)}} = \frac{40}{60} = 67\%$$

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eCQM Flow Narrative**Initial Population**

Start by identifying the Initial Population, which includes patients 18 years of age and older with an eligible encounter during the measurement period.

Denominator

The Denominator equals the Initial Population. In the sample calculation provided at the end of the eCQM flow, the Denominator is equal to 100 patients.

Denominator Exclusions

The Denominator Exclusions criteria identify a subset of the Denominator population by excluding patients with an active diagnosis of hypertension before the start of the eligible encounter. In the sample calculation provided at the end of the eCQM flow, the Denominator Exclusions are equal to 20 patients.

Numerator

The Numerator criteria identify a subset of the Denominator population (that did not meet the Denominator Exclusions criteria). The Numerator criteria include patients with a normal blood pressure reading (Systolic blood pressure less than 120 millimeters of mercury AND Diastolic blood pressure less than 80 millimeters of mercury). The Numerator criteria also include patients with a pre-hypertensive blood pressure reading (Systolic blood pressure of 120 to 139 millimeters of mercury OR Diastolic blood pressure of 80 to 89 millimeters of mercury) who had a hypertensive intervention AND follow-up within one year, OR referral to an alternate provider. The Numerator criteria also include patients with a first hypertensive reading (Systolic blood pressure greater than or equal to 140 millimeters of mercury OR Diastolic blood pressure greater than or equal to 90 millimeters of mercury, without previous high blood pressure reading) who had a first hypertensive intervention AND follow-up within 4 weeks, OR referral to an alternate provider. The Numerator criteria also include patients with a second hypertensive reading (Systolic blood pressure greater than or equal to 140 millimeters of mercury OR Diastolic blood pressure greater than or equal to 90 millimeters of mercury, with previous high blood pressure reading) who had a hypertensive intervention AND a second hypertensive intervention, OR referral to an alternate provider. In the sample calculation provided at the end of the eCQM flow, the Numerator is equal to 40 patients.

Denominator Exceptions

The Denominator Exceptions criteria identify patients from the Denominator that did not meet the Numerator population criteria due to no blood pressure screen due to medical reason or patient refusal

OR no hypertensive intervention or follow up due to patient refusal. In the sample calculation provided at the end of the eCQM flow, the Denominator Exceptions are equal to 20 patients.

Sample Calculation

A sample calculation is provided to help determine how the measure performance rate is derived. The measure performance rate is calculated by dividing the Numerator (total equals 40 patients) by the difference between the Denominator (total equals 100 patients), the Denominator Exclusions (total equals 20 patients), and the Denominator Exceptions (total equals 20 patients), which is equal to a score of 67 percent.