

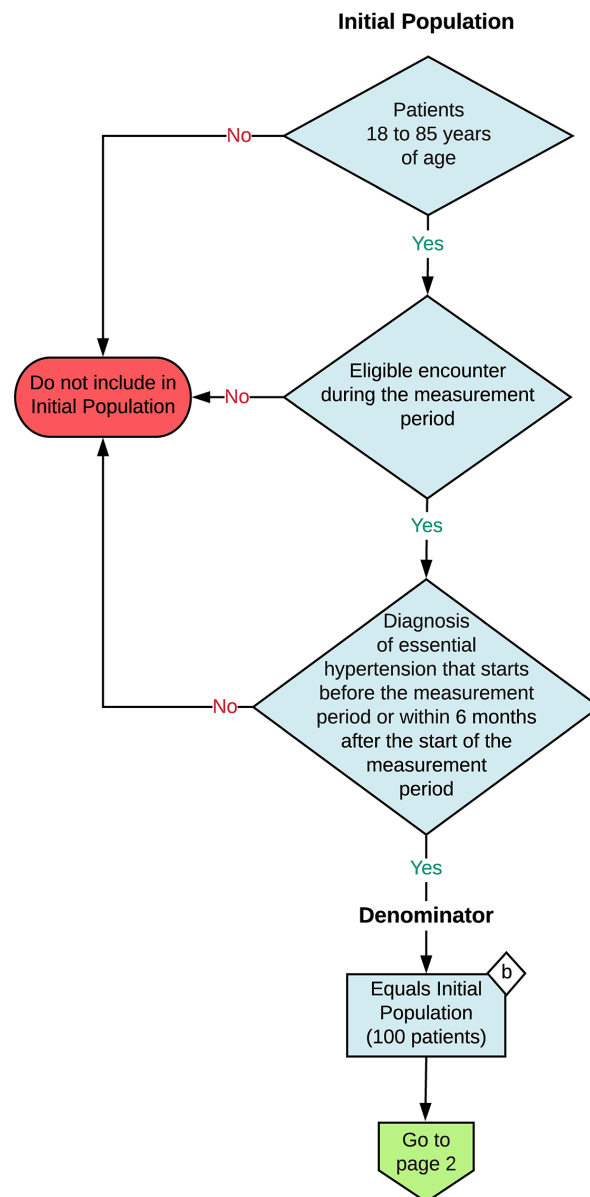
**2020 eCQM Flow**  
**eCQM Identifier: CMS165v8**

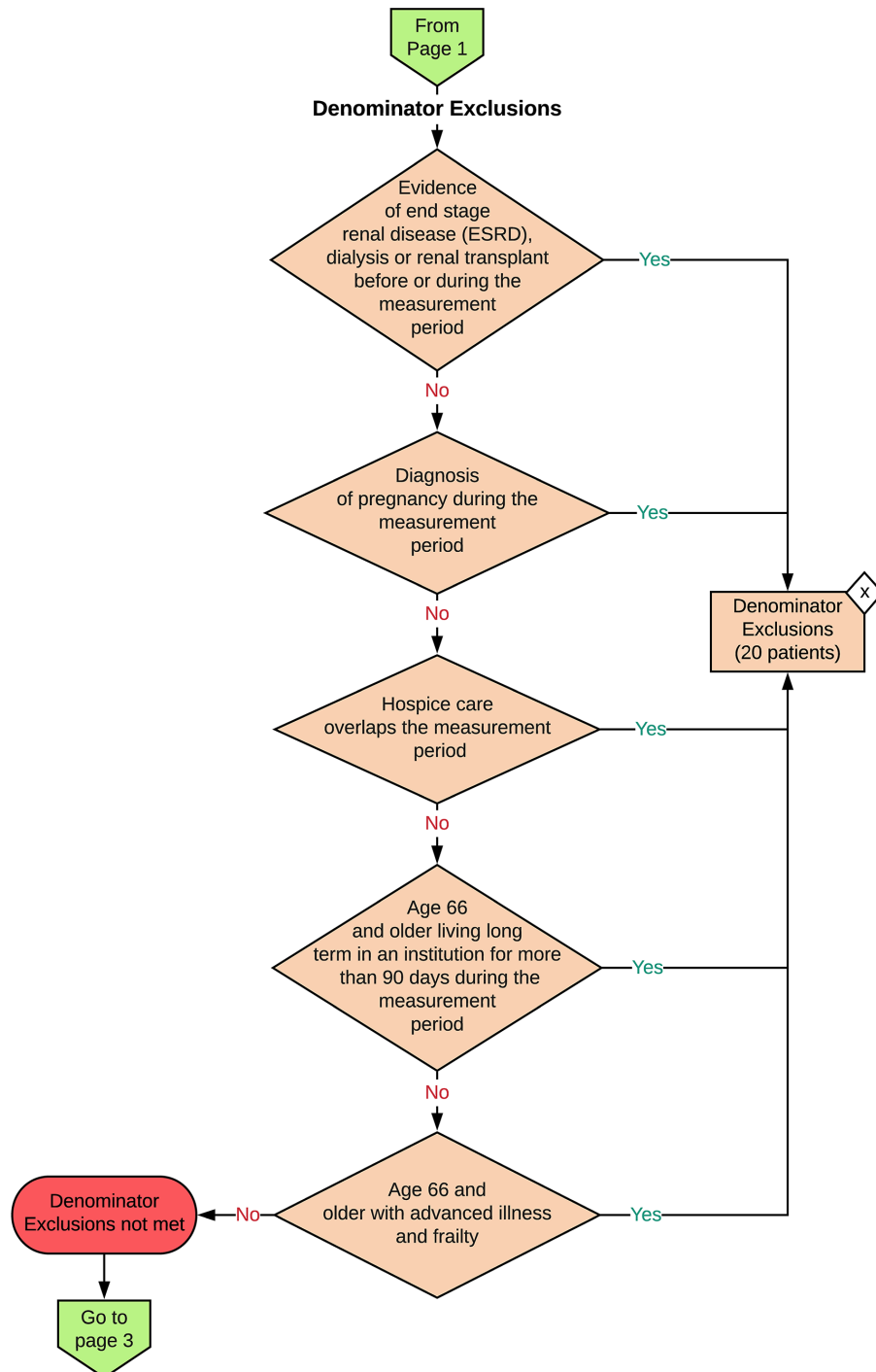
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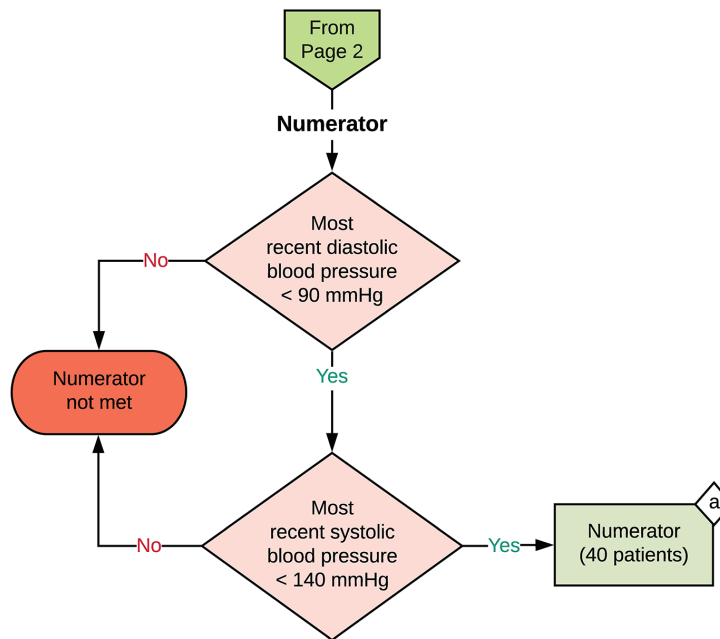
**Controlling High Blood Pressure**

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**This eCQM is a patient-based measure**







## Sample Calculation

## Performance Rate =

Numerator (a = 40 patients)

Denominator (b = 100 patients) - Denominator Exclusions (x = 20 patients)

$$= \frac{40}{80} = 50\%$$

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**eCQM Flow Narrative**

**Initial Population**

Start by identifying the Initial Population, which includes patients 18 to 85 years of age with an eligible encounter during the measurement period and a diagnosis of essential hypertension that starts before the measurement period or within 6 months after the start of 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 who had evidence of end stage renal disease (ESRD), dialysis or renal transplant before or during the measurement period, patients with a diagnosis of pregnancy during the measurement period, patients whose hospice care overlaps the measurement period, patients age 66 and older who are living long term in an institution for more than 90 days during the measurement period, and patients age 66 and older with advanced illness and frailty. 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) by including patients with diastolic blood pressure less than 90 millimeters of mercury and systolic blood pressure less than 140 millimeters of mercury. In the sample calculation provided at the end of the eCQM flow, the Numerator is equal to 40 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) and the Denominator Exclusions (total equals 20 patients), which is equal to a score of 50 percent.