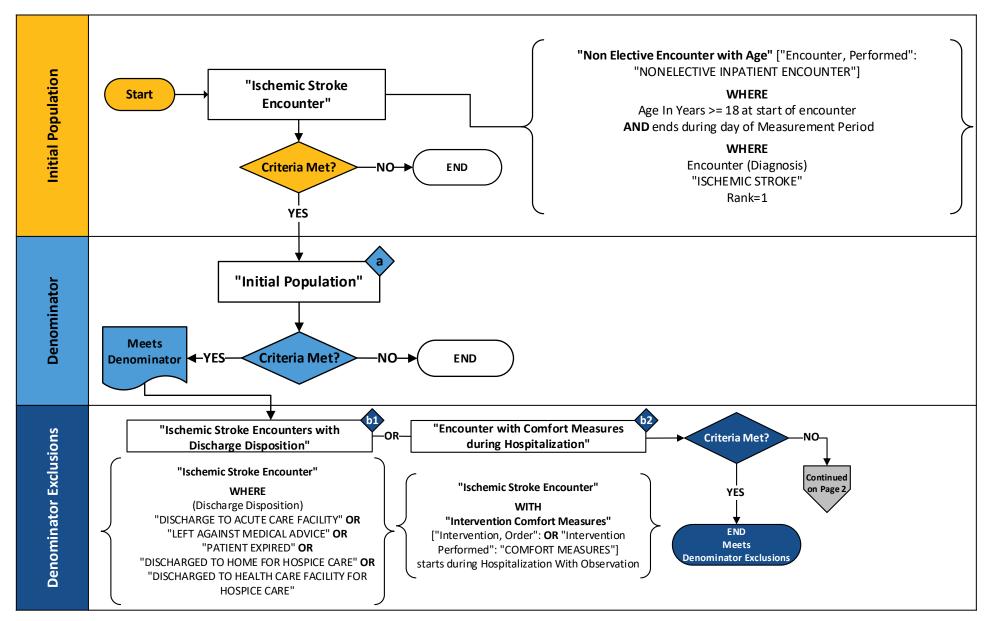
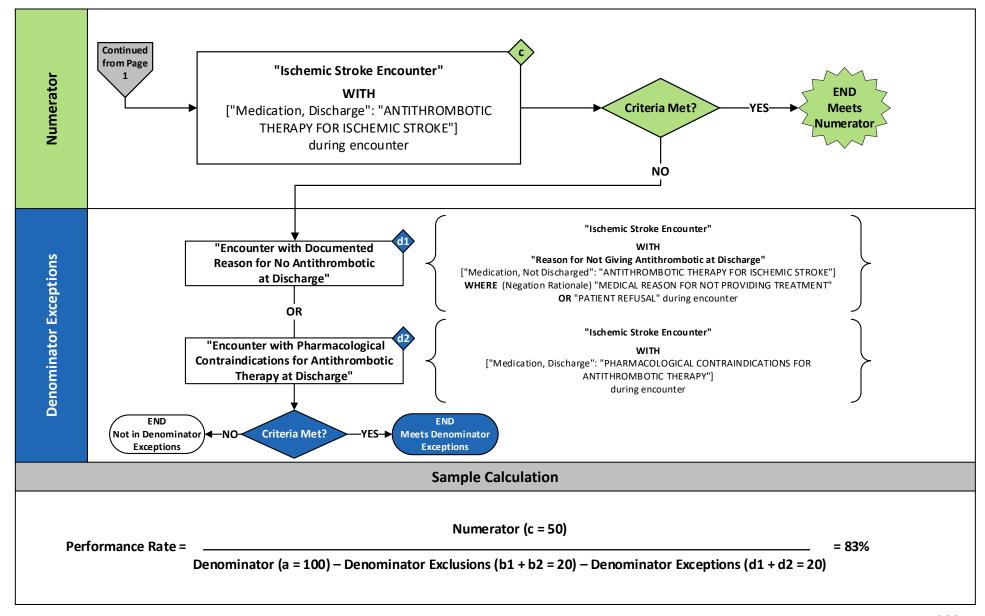
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#### **Measure Flow Diagram**



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#### **Measure Flow Diagram (Continued)**



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#### **Measure Flow Narrative**

The measure flow diagram on the preceding pages illustrates the steps to determine the population criteria for this measure.

| Measure<br>Description | This measure assesses ischemic stroke patients prescribed or continuing to take antithrombotic therapy at hospital discharge  |
|------------------------|---|
| Initial<br>Population  | Start by identifying the initial population criteria as inpatient hospitalizations with all of the following:  • patients age 18 and older  • discharged from inpatient care (non-elective admissions)  • a principal diagnosis of ischemic stroke  • that ends during the measurement period   |
| Denominator            | The denominator criteria is equal to the initial population   |
| Denominator Exclusions | The denominator exclusions criteria are used to identify a subset of the denominator population by excluding inpatient hospitalizations for patients with any of the following:  • admitted for elective carotid intervention (implicitly modeled by inclusion of only non-elective hospitalizations)  • a documented discharge disposition of:  • discharged to another hospital; or  • left against medical advice; or  • expired; or  • discharged to either a health care facility or home for hospice care  • have comfort measures documented |

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### **Measure Flow Narrative (Continued)**

The measure flow diagram on the preceding pages illustrates the steps to determine the population criteria for this measure.

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The numerator criteria identify a subset of the denominator population (that did not meet the denominator exclusions criteria) by including inpatient hospitalizations for patients prescribed or continuing to take antithrombotic therapy at hospital discharge

# Denominator Exceptions

The denominator exceptions criteria identify a subset of the denominator population (that did not meet the denominator exclusions criteria or numerator criteria) by excluding inpatient hospitalizations for patients who have either:

- a documented reason for not prescribing antithrombotic therapy at discharge (either a qualifying medical reason or patient refusal)
- pharmacological contraindications for antithrombotic therapy (i.e., given Prasugrel) at discharge