

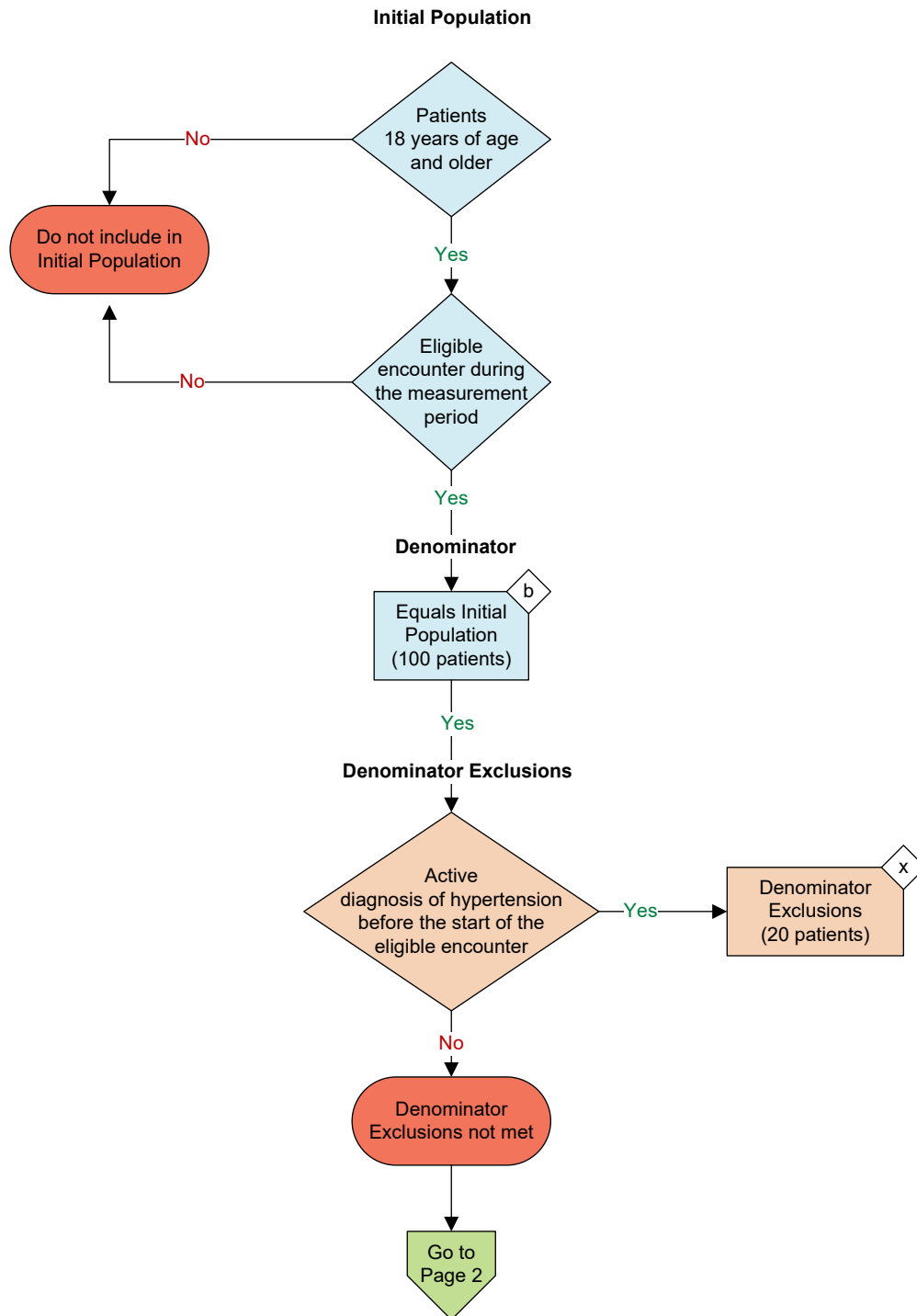
2026 eCQM Flow
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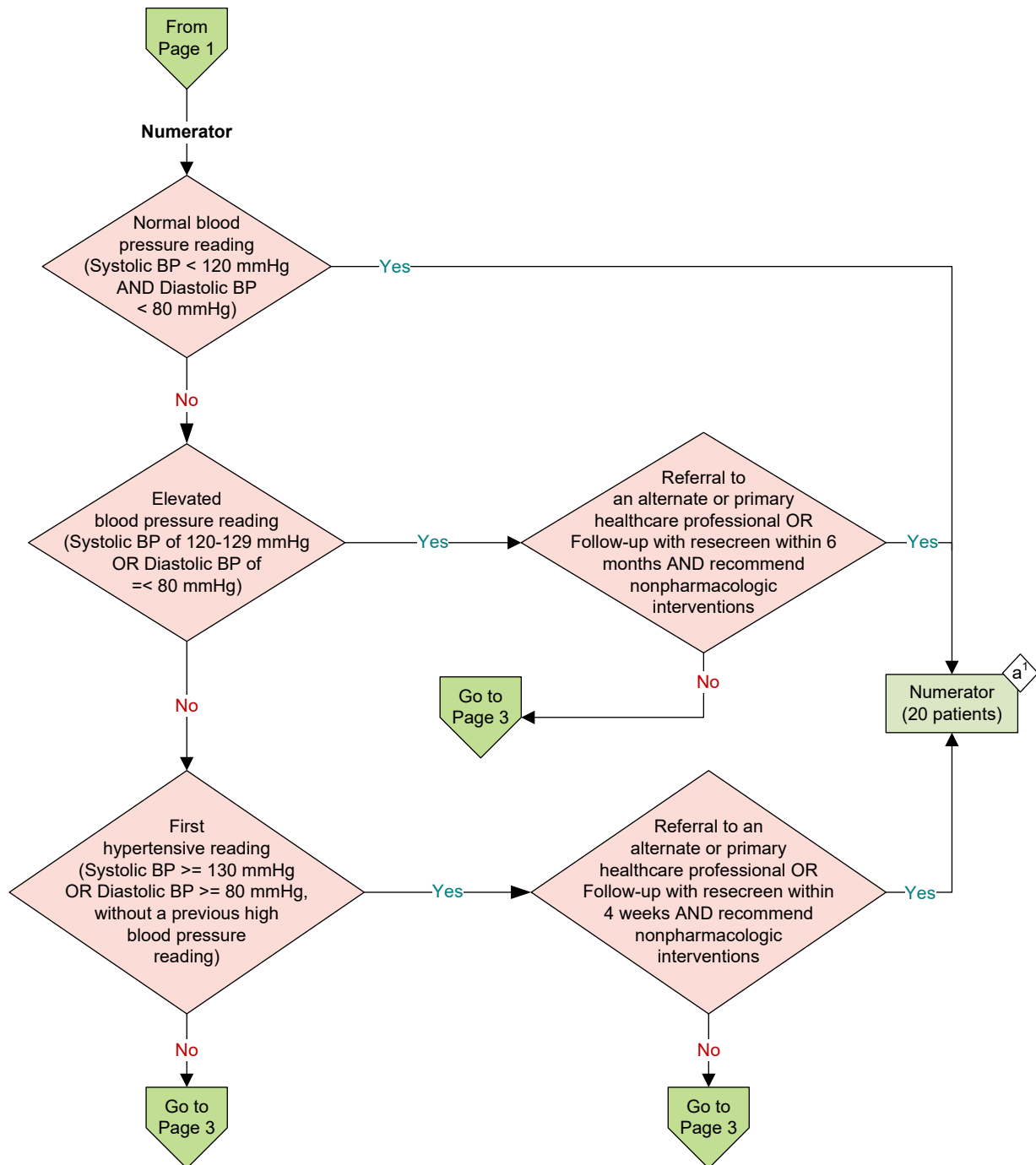
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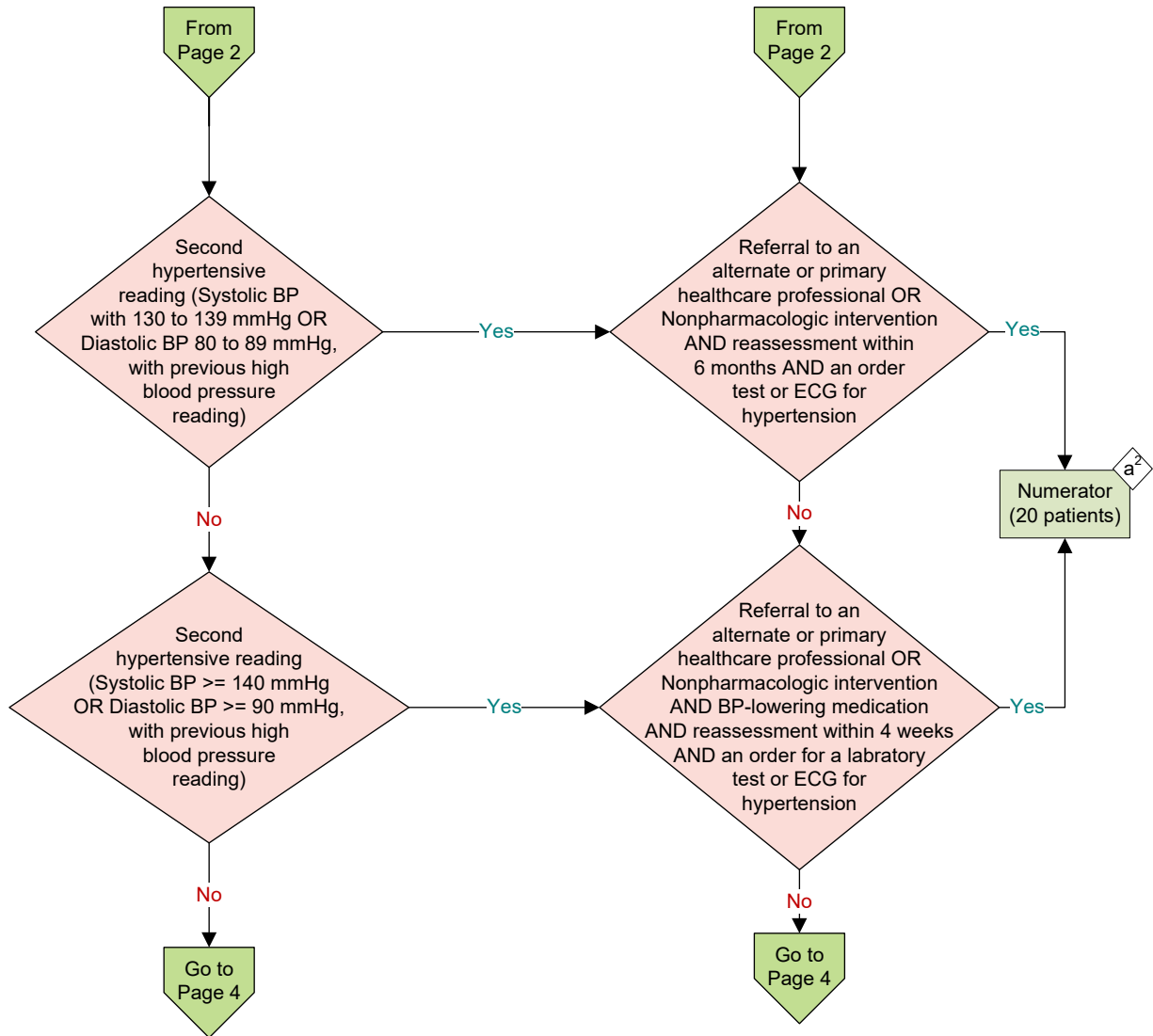
Preventive Care and Screening: Screening for High Blood Pressure and Follow-Up Documented

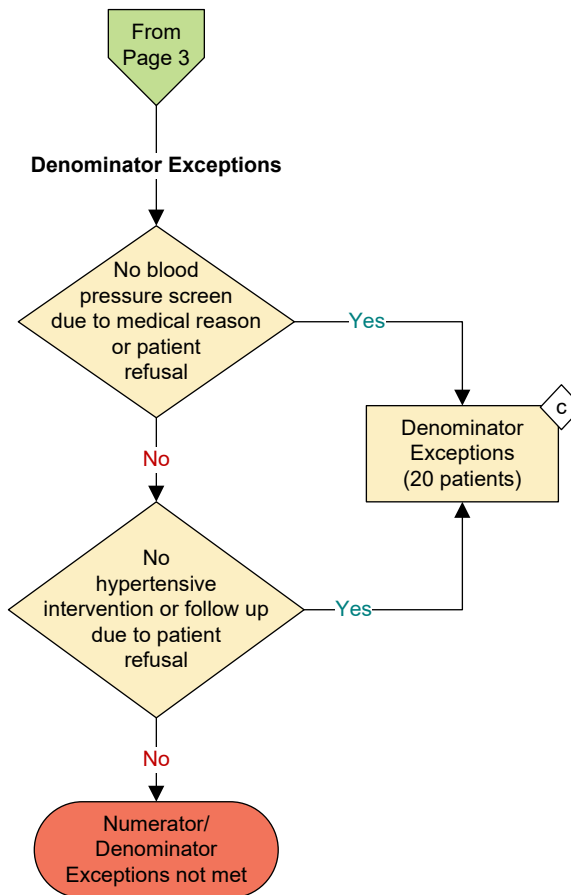
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This eCQM is a patient-based measure









Sample Calculation

Performance Rate =

$$\frac{\text{Numerator (a}^1 + \text{a}^2 = 40 \text{ patients)}}{\text{Denominator (b = 100 patients) – Denominator Exclusions (x = 20 patients) – Denominator Exceptions (c = 20 patients)}} = \frac{40}{60} = 67 \%$$

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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 BP less than 120 mmHg AND Diastolic BP less than 80 mmHg).

The Numerator criteria also include patients with an elevated blood pressure reading (Systolic BP of 120 to 129 mmHg OR Diastolic BP of less than or equal to 80 mmHg) who had a referral to an alternate provider or primary healthcare professional OR follow-up with rescreen within 6 months AND recommend nonpharmacologic interventions.

The Numerator criteria also include patients with a first hypertensive reading (Systolic BP greater than or equal to 130 mmHg OR Diastolic BP greater than or equal to 80 mmHg, without previous high blood pressure reading) who had a referral to an alternate provider or primary healthcare professional OR follow-up with rescreen within 4 weeks AND recommend nonpharmacologic interventions.

The Numerator criteria also include patients with a second hypertensive reading (Systolic BP of 130 to 139 mmHg OR Diastolic BP of 80 to 89 mmHg, with previous high blood pressure reading) who had a referral to an alternate provider or primary healthcare professional OR nonpharmacologic intervention AND reassessment within 6 months AND an order for a laboratory test or ECG for hypertension.

The Numerator criteria also include patients with a second hypertensive reading (Systolic BP of greater than or equal to 140 mmHg OR Diastolic BP greater than or equal to 90 mmHg, with previous high blood pressure reading) who had a referral to an alternate provider or primary healthcare professional OR nonpharmacologic intervention AND BP-lowering medication AND reassessment within 4 weeks AND an order for a laboratory test or ECG for hypertension.

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 a medical reason(s) 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.