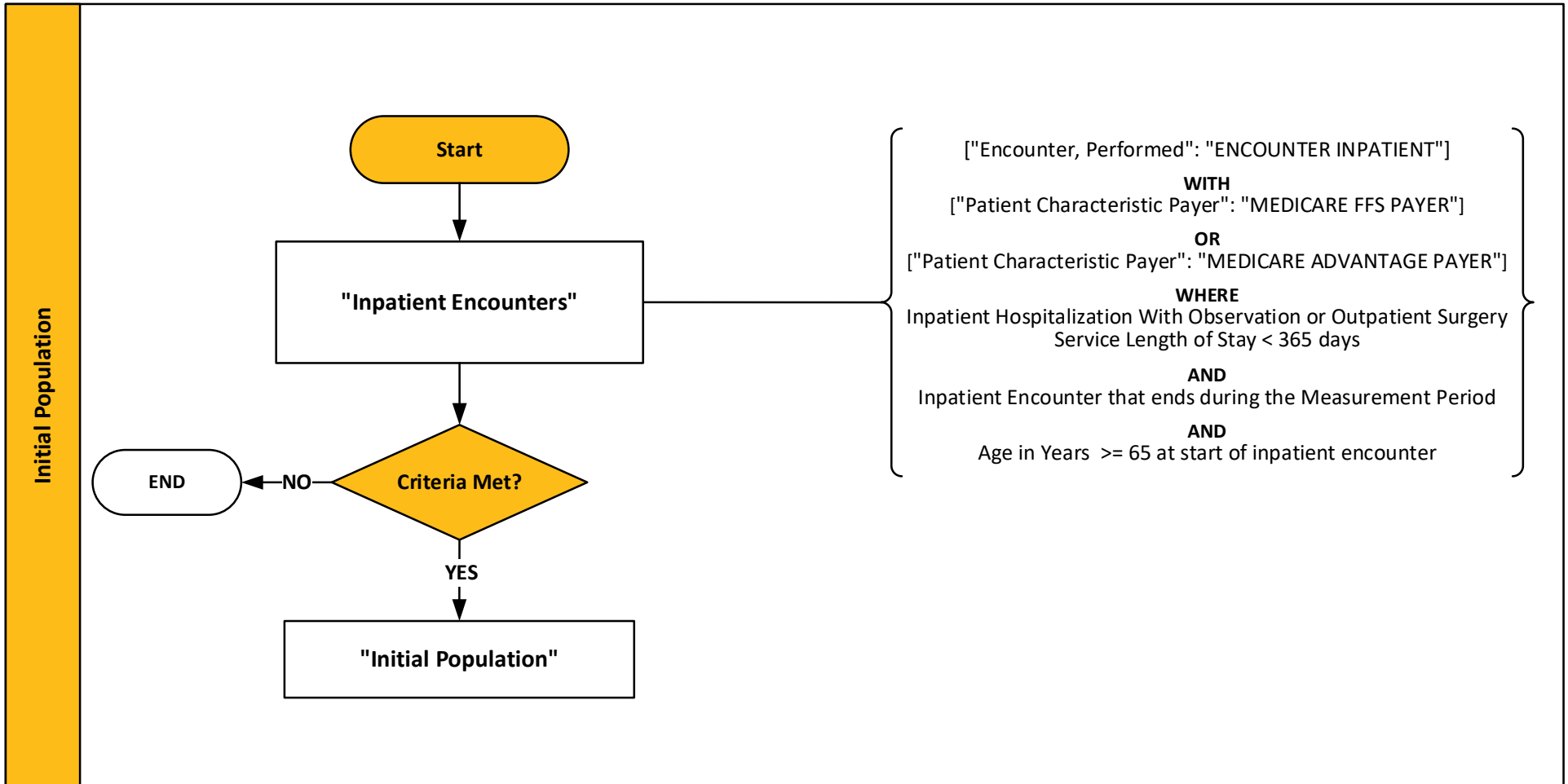


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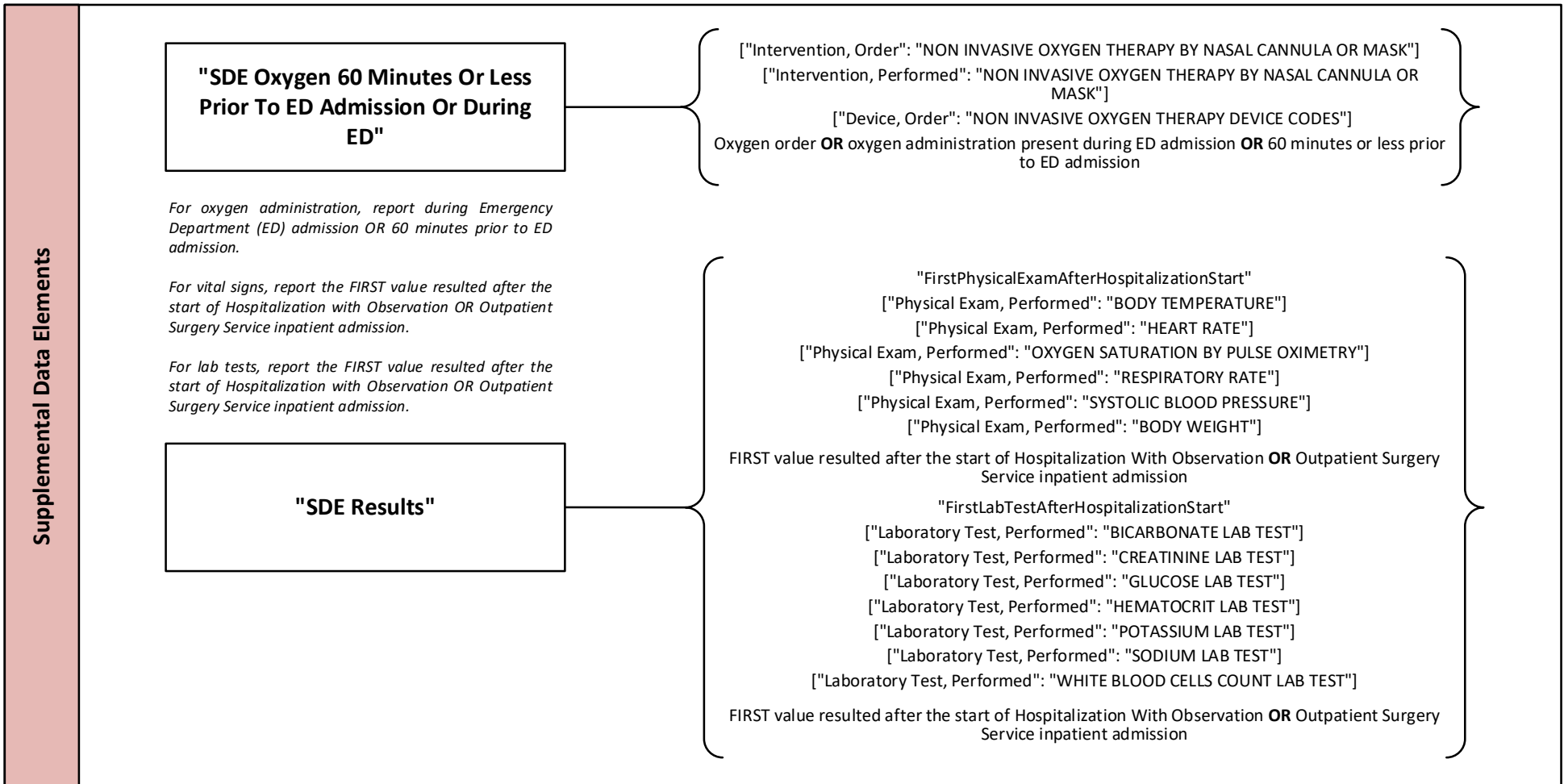
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Measure Flow Narrative

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Measure Description	This logic is intended to extract electronic clinical data. This is not an electronic clinical quality measure and this logic will not produce measure results. Instead, it will produce a file containing the data that CMS will link with administrative claims to risk adjust the Hybrid HWR outcome measure. It is designed to extract the first resulted set of vital signs and basic laboratory results obtained from hospitalizations for adult Medicare Fee-For-Service (FFS) and Medicare Advantage (MA) patients admitted to acute care hospitals.
Initial Population	<p>All Medicare FFS and MA hospitalizations for patients aged 65 and older at the start of an inpatient admission, where the length of stay is less than 365 days, and the hospitalization ends during the measurement period.</p> <p>NOTE: All Medicare FFS and MA hospitalizations meeting the above criteria should be included, regardless of whether Medicare FFS/MA is the primary, secondary, or tertiary payer.</p>

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Supplemental Data Elements	<p>For hospitalizations in the Initial Population, report the FIRST resulted vital signs (physical exams) during current hospitalization. The physical exam CCDEs (Core Clinical Data Elements) are as follows:</p> <p>Body Temperature</p> <p>Heart rate</p> <p>Oxygen saturation (by pulse oximetry)</p> <p>Respiratory rate</p> <p>Systolic blood pressure</p> <p>Body Weight</p> <p>For laboratory test results, report the FIRST resulted laboratory tests where result is not null during current hospitalization. The laboratory test CCDEs are as follows:</p> <p>Bicarbonate</p> <p>Creatinine</p> <p>Glucose</p> <p>Hematocrit</p> <p>Potassium</p> <p>Sodium</p> <p>White blood cell count</p> <p>For oxygen administration CCDE, report oxygen administered during Emergency Department (ED) admission OR 60 minutes prior to ED admission.</p> <p>First values for the physical exam and laboratory test CCDEs may be resulted in the emergency department or other hospital outpatient locations within the hospital facility before a patient is subsequently admitted to the same hospital. First values for these data elements may also be resulted in an inpatient location for directly admitted patients who do not receive care in the emergency department or other hospital outpatient/same day surgery locations before admission.</p> <p>NOTE: Hospitals may choose to submit all, or only report the FIRST resulted value for EACH CCDE collected in the appropriate timeframe, if available.</p> <p>For every patient in the Initial Population, also identify payer, race, ethnicity and sex.</p>
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