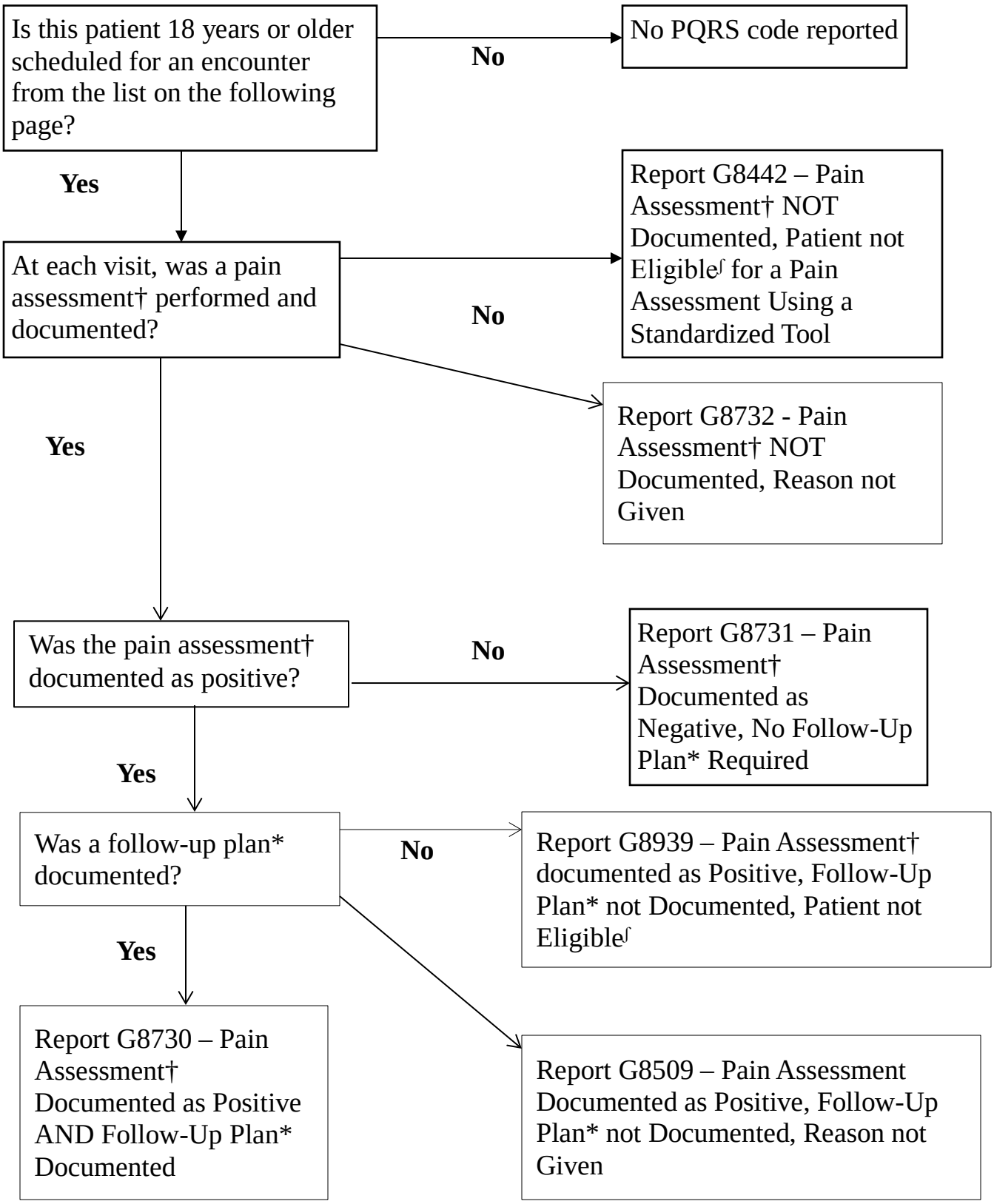
Measure #131: Pain Assessment and Follow-Up



† **Pain Assessment** - Documentation of a clinical assessment for the presence or absence of pain using a standardized tool is required. A multi-dimensional clinical assessment of pain using a standardized tool may include characteristics of pain; such as: location, intensity, description, and onset/duration. A **standardized tool** is an assessment tool that has been appropriately normalized and validated for the population in which it is used. Examples of tools for pain assessment, include, but are not limited to: Brief Pain Inventory (BPI), Faces Pain Scale (FPS), McGill Pain Questionnaire (MPQ), Multidimensional Pain Inventory (MPI), Neuropathic Pain Scale (NPS), Numeric Rating Scale (NRS), Oswestry Disability Index (ODI), Roland Morris Disability Questionnaire (RMDQ), Verbal Descriptor Scale (VDS), Verbal Numeric Rating Scale (VNRS), and Visual Analog Scale (VAS).

* **Follow-Up Plan** – A documented outline of care for a positive pain assessment is required. This **must** include a planned follow-up appointment or a referral, a notification to other care providers as applicable OR indicate the initial treatment plan is still in effect. These plans may include pharmacologic and/or educational interventions.

∫ **Not Eligible** – A patient is **not** eligible if one or more of the following reason(s) is documented:
• Severe mental and/or physical incapacity where the person is unable to express himself/herself in a manner understood by others. For example, cases where pain cannot be accurately assessed through use of nationally recognized standardized pain assessment tools
• Patient is in an urgent or emergent situation where time is of the essence and to delay treatment would jeopardize the patient's health status

NOTE: The standardized tool used to assess the patient's pain must be documented in the medical record (EXCEPTION: A provider may use a fraction such as 5/10 for Numeric Rating Scale without documenting this actual tool name when assessing for pain intensity).

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