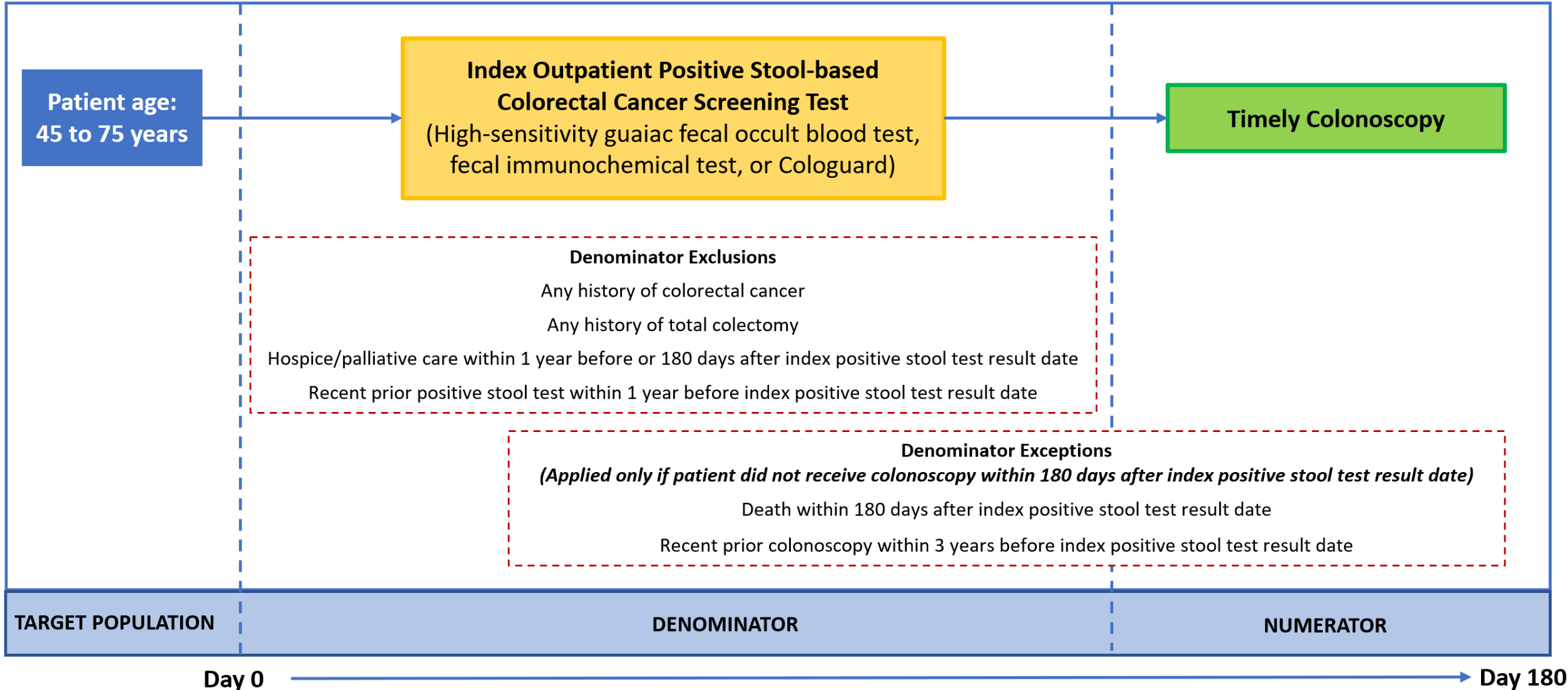


Electronic Clinical Quality Measure (eCQM) Specifications Diagram: *Rate of Timely Follow-up on Positive Stool-based Tests for Colorectal Cancer Detection*



Electronic Clinical Quality Measure (eCQM) Rationale:

Timely Follow-up on Positive Stool-based Tests for Colorectal Cancer Detection

Criteria	Data Elements	Rationale
Denominator Inclusions	Aged 45-75 years	Current age range for recommended universal colorectal cancer screening
	Stool-based tests: High-sensitivity Guaiac, Fecal Immunochemical Test, Cologuard	Stool-based tests recommended for colorectal cancer screening
	Positive result	Requires short-term follow-up diagnostic evaluation
Numerator Inclusions	Diagnostic evaluation: Colonoscopy	Gold standard for colorectal cancer diagnosis
	180-day follow-up period	Minimum delay with significant impact on patient outcomes from the published literature
Denominator Exclusions	Index tests conducted in inpatient or emergency department settings	Not indicated for colorectal cancer screening
	Recent positive stool-based test (<1 year before index test result)	May be undergoing repeat stool-based testing (not an index test)
	History of total colectomy	Not eligible for colonoscopy
	History of colorectal cancer	Under surveillance for colorectal cancer, not screening
	Receipt of hospice/palliative care (-1 year to +180 days after index test result)	Goals of care focused on comfort measures
Denominator Exceptions	Death during follow-up period	Patient may not have had opportunity for diagnostic evaluation
	Prior colonoscopy within 3 years before index positive stool test result	Patient may not require follow-up colonoscopy if prior colonoscopy can be used to assess for colorectal cancer