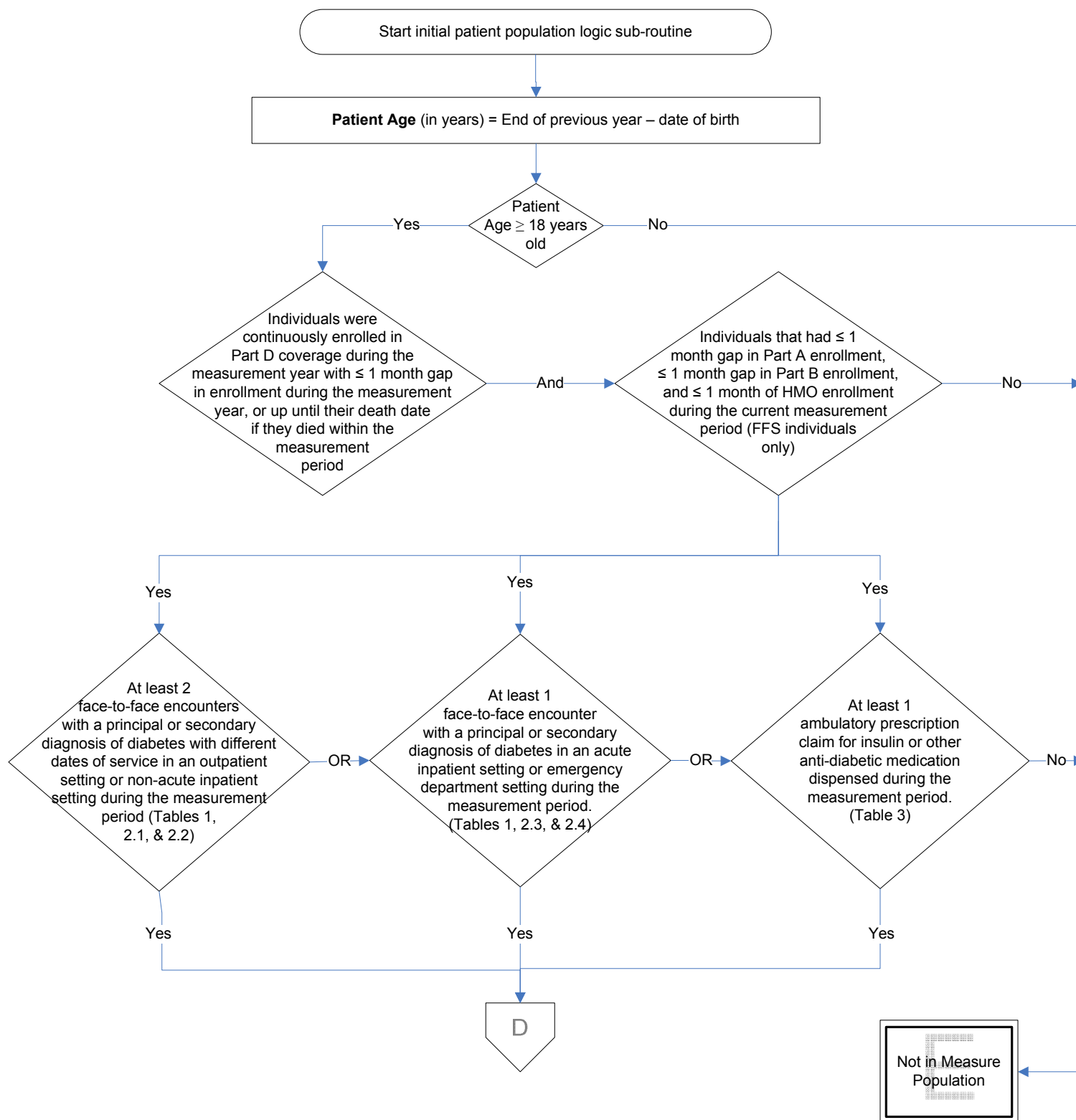


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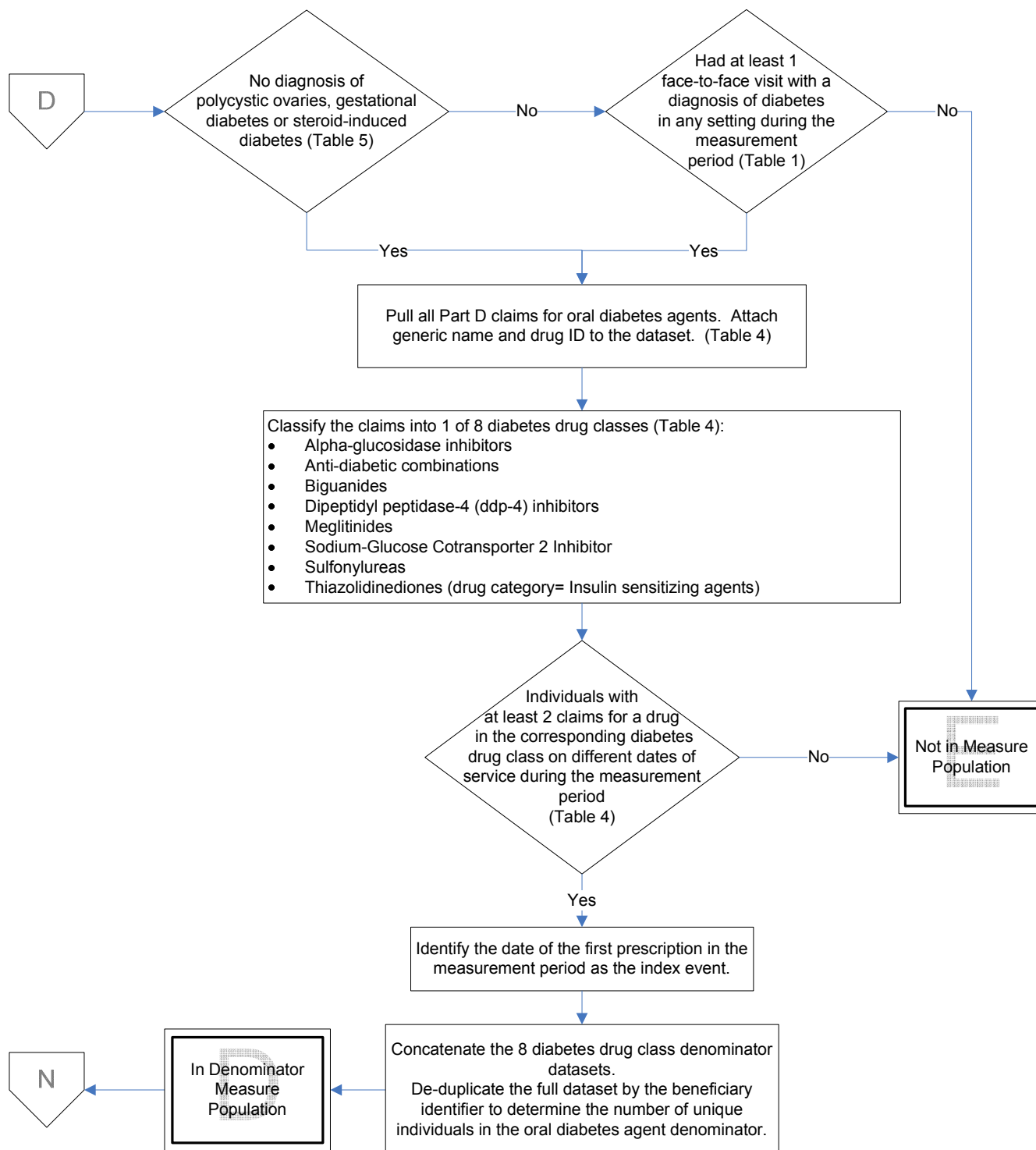


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For the individuals in the eight diabetes drug denominator datasets, calculate the PDC for each individual according to the following methods:

1. Determine the individual's measurement period, defined as the number of days from the index prescription date through the end of the measurement year, or death, whichever comes first. Index date is the date of the first prescription in the measurement period.
2. Within the measurement period, count the days the individual was covered by at least one drug in the class, based on the prescription fill date and days of supply.
 - a. Pull Part D claims for drugs in the respective drug class for individuals in the denominator. Attach drug ID and generic name to the datasets.
 - b. Sort and de-duplicate claims by beneficiary ID, service date, generic name, and descending days' supply. If prescriptions for the same drug (generic name) are dispensed on the same date of service for an individual, keep the dispensing with the largest days' supply.
 - c. Calculate the number of days covered per individual for each drug class.
 - i. For prescriptions with a days' supply that extends beyond the end of the measurement period, count only the days for which the drug was available to the individual during the measurement period.
 - ii. If prescriptions for the same drug (generic name) overlap, then adjust the prescription start date to be the day after the previous fill has ended.
 - iii. If prescriptions for different drugs (different generic names) overlap, do not adjust the prescription start date.
3. Calculate the PDC for each individual. Divide the number of covered days by the number of days in the individual's measurement period.

Count the individuals with a calculated PDC of at least 0.8 for each drug class.

8 diabetes numerator datasets

Merge the 8 diabetes numerator datasets created by beneficiary identifier, so a dataset is created with the unique beneficiary identifier and the 8 separate PDCs for each oral diabetes drug class. If a PDC does not exist for a certain oral diabetes drug class for an individual, it will be set to missing. For each individual, if any of the 8 oral diabetes drug class PDCs are at least 0.8, then that individual is included in the numerator.

