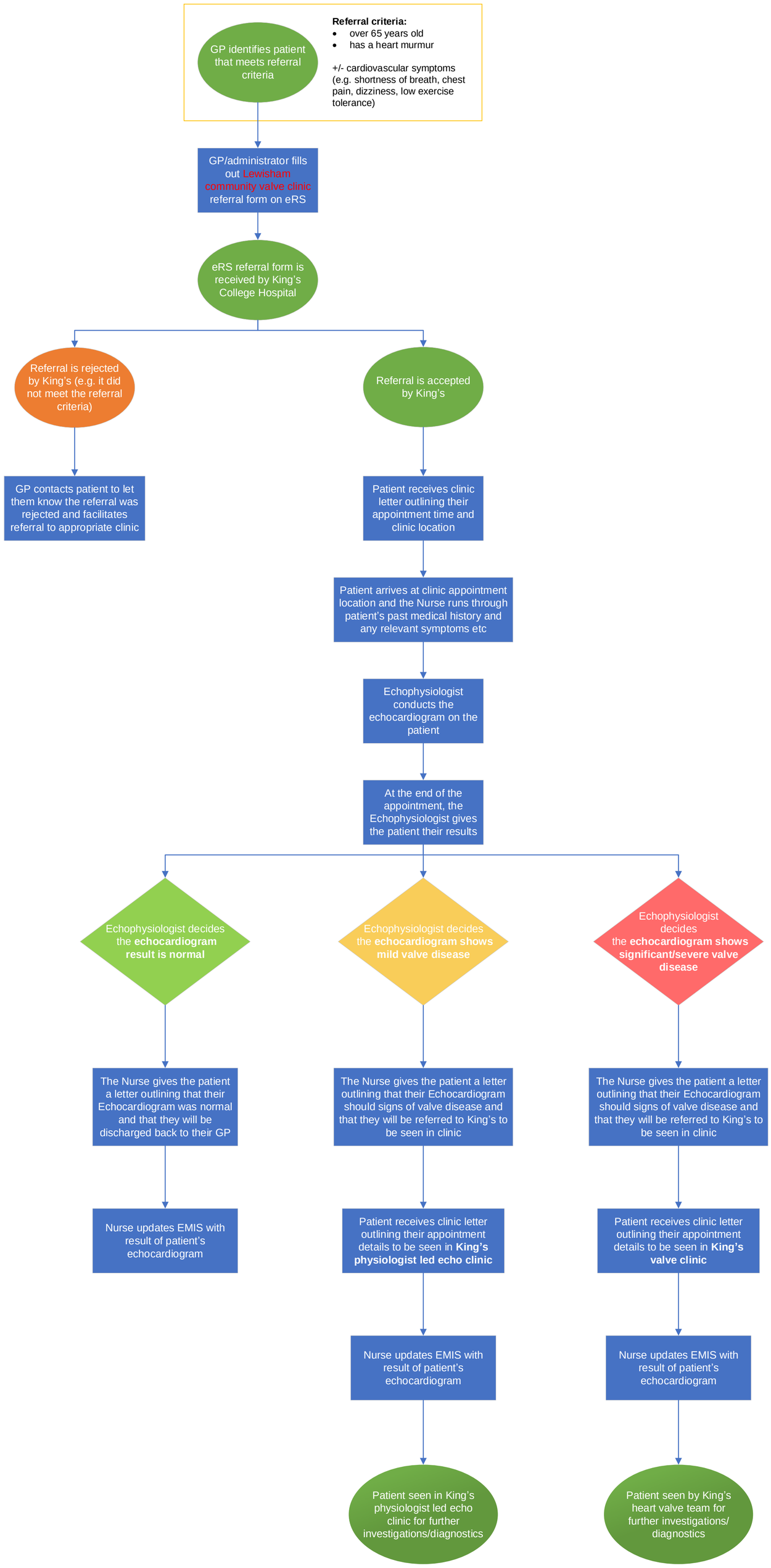
GP identifies patient that meets referral criteria
Referral criteria:
over 65 years old
has a heart murmur
+/- cardiovascular symptoms (e.g. shortness of breath, chest pain, dizziness, low exercise tolerance)
GP/administrator fills out Lewisham community valve clinic referral form on eRS
eRS referral form is received by King's College Hospital
Referral is rejected by King's (e.g. it did not meet the referral criteria)
Referral is accepted by King's
GP contacts patient to let them know the referral was rejected and facilitates referral to appropriate clinic
Patient receives clinic letter outlining their appointment time and clinic location
Patient arrives at clinic appointment location and the Nurse runs through patient's past medical history and any relevant symptoms etc
Echophysiologist conducts the echocardiogram on the patient
At the end of the appointment, the Echophysiologist gives the patient their results
Echophysiologist decides the echocardiogram result is normal
Echophysiologist decides the echocardiogram shows mild valve disease
Echophysiologist decides the echocardiogram shows significant/severe valve disease
The Nurse gives the patient a letter outlining that their Echocardiogram was normal and that they will be discharged back to their GP
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Nurse updates EMIS with result of patient's echocardiogram
Patient receives clinic letter outlining their appointment details to be seen in King's physiologist led echo clinic
Patient receives clinic letter outlining their appointment details to be seen in King's valve clinic
Nurse updates EMIS with result of patient's echocardiogram
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Patient seen in King's physiologist led echo clinic for further investigations/diagnostics
Patient seen by King's heart valve team for further investigations/ diagnostics