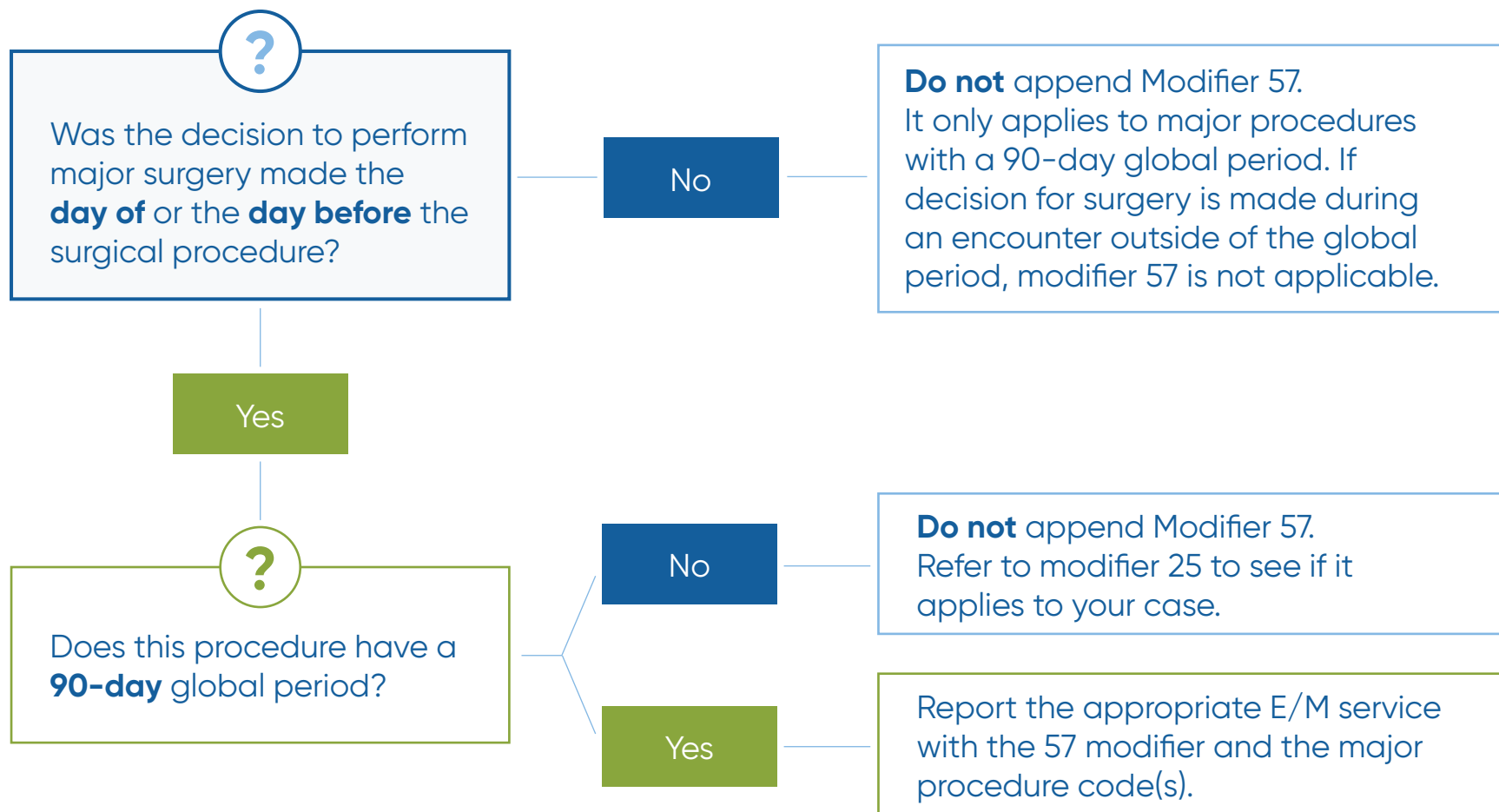




Modifier-57

Modifier 57 is used when an Evaluation and Management (E/M) visit results in the decision to perform a major surgery with a 90-day global period. Following the E/M visit the major surgery should be performed either on the same day as the E/M encounter or the following day when the encounter would be considered part of the major surgery's global package and otherwise would be denied if reported separately. It is important to note that the E/M service should meet all the documentation requirements. Modifier 57 should only be appended to the E/M code, not a surgery code.

The following decision tree can help navigate the proper use of Modifier 57:





Modifier 25

Modifier 25 requires a significant and separately identifiable E/M service. The E/M service may or may not be related to the minor procedure. Modifier 25 is appended to the E/M service when it is reported on the same day with a procedure with 0 to 10 global days.

This decision tree can help navigate the proper use of Modifier 25:

