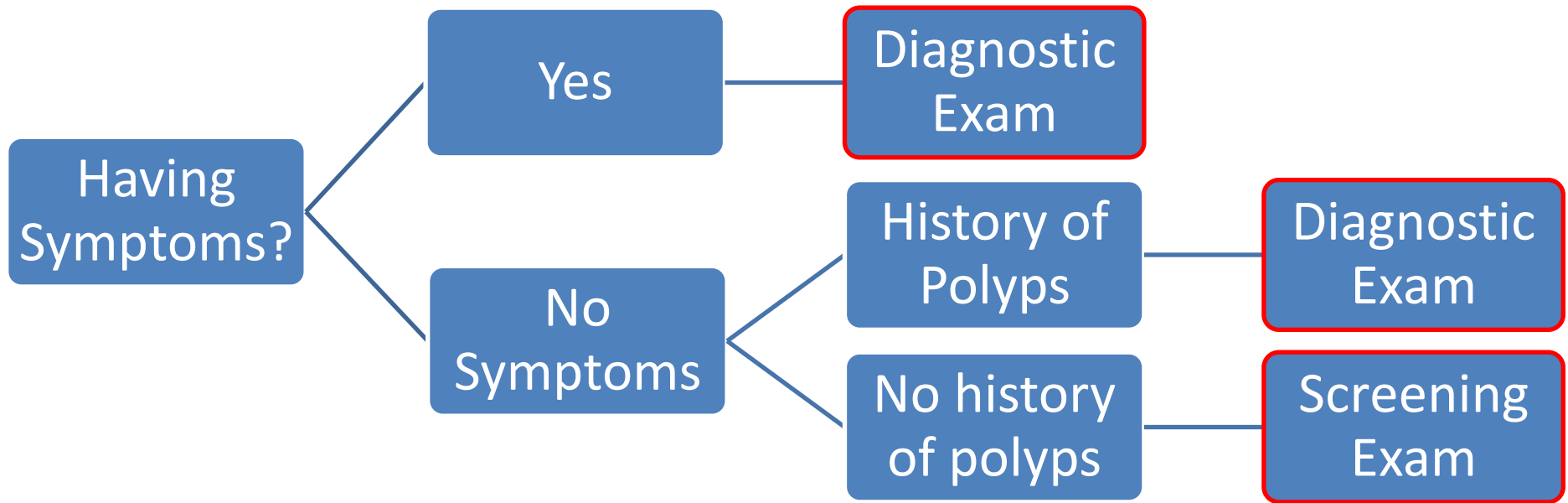


Is your colonoscopy a screening exam or a diagnostic exam?



- Screening is the testing for disease or disease precursors in seemingly well individuals so that early detection and treatment can be provided for those who test positive for the disease.
- The testing of a person to rule out or confirm a suspected diagnosis because the patient has some sign or symptom is a diagnostic examination, not a screening.
- Should a condition be discovered during a screening examination, the condition must be reported as an additional diagnosis secondary to the screening diagnosis.