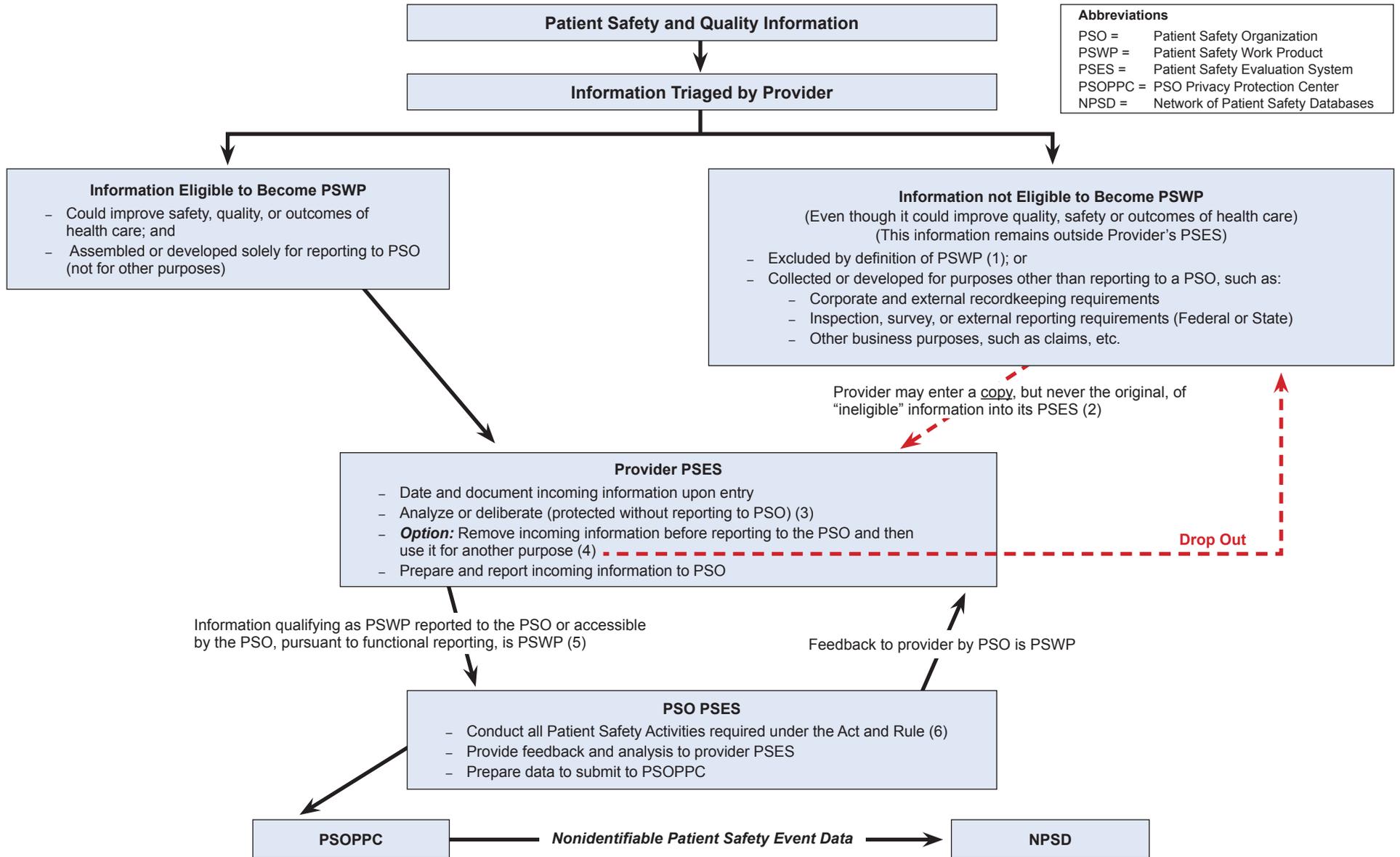


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Abbreviations	
PSO =	Patient Safety Organization
PSWP =	Patient Safety Work Product
PSES =	Patient Safety Evaluation System
PSOPPC =	PSO Privacy Protection Center
NPSD =	Network of Patient Safety Databases

Footnotes:

1. Paragraph (2)(i) of the PSWP definition under the Patient Safety Rule (42 CFR§3.20) lists the types of information that are not eligible to become PSWP.
2. Never report to the PSO, as PSWP, originals of ineligible information. Only copies of ineligible information or information dropped out of the PSES can be reported to the PSO.
3. When analysis and deliberations are conducted in the PSES, PSWP protections will apply immediately; the drop-out provision does not apply.
4. The drop-out provision applies only to incoming information that has not yet been reported to a PSO. The provider must document the date and act of removing incoming information from the PSES.
5. The drop-out provision cannot be applied to information that has been actually or functionally reported.
6. See FAQ "What are 'patient safety activities'?"; 42 CFR § 3.20.

