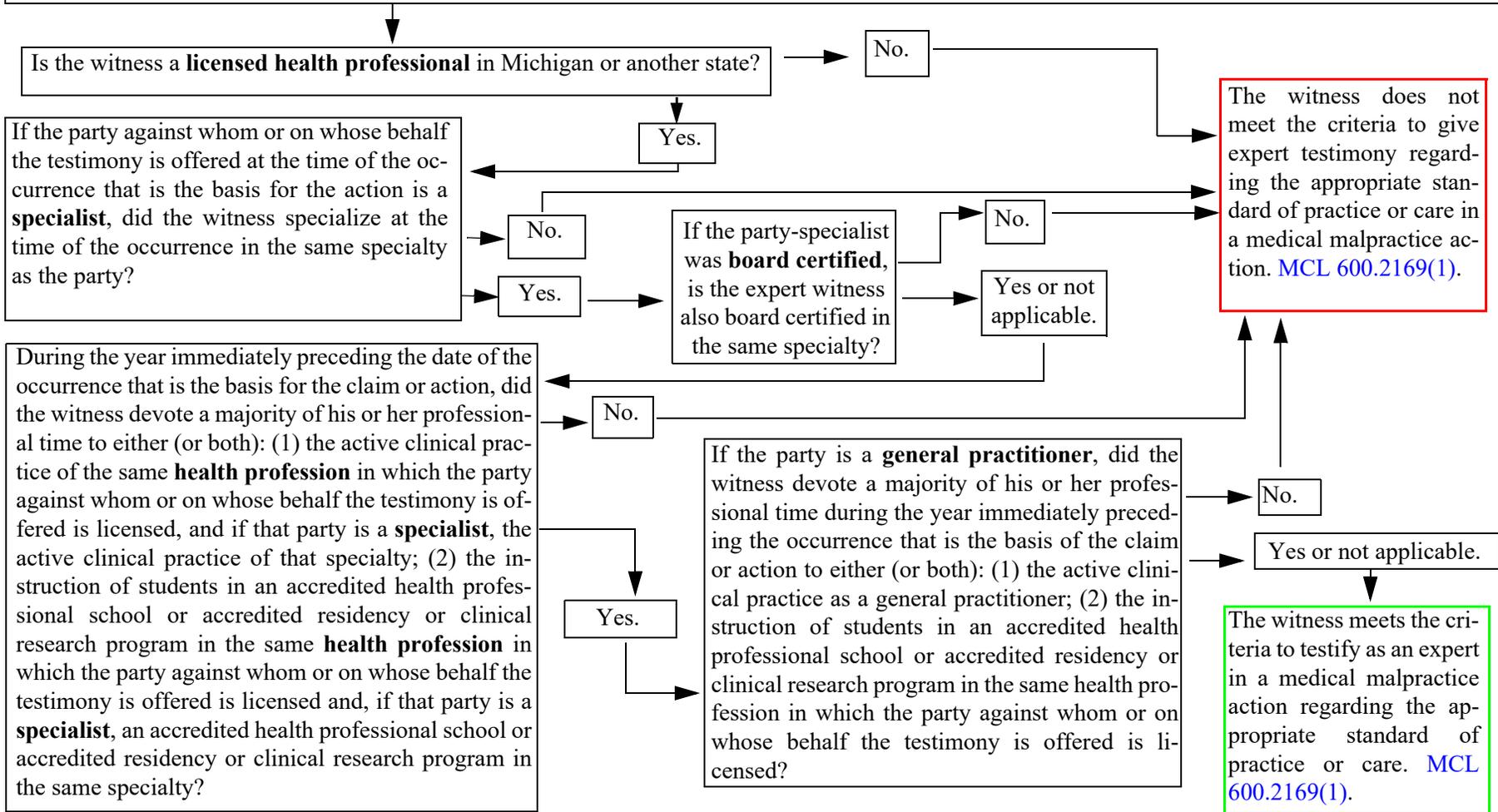


# Medical Malpractice – Criteria for Admission of Expert Testimony Flowchart<sup>1</sup>

MRE 702 sets forth general criteria for qualifying an expert witness. MCL 600.2169 sets forth criteria to qualify a witness as an expert regarding the standard of practice or care in a medical malpractice action. However, an expert may be disqualified on other grounds as well. See MCL 600.2169(3). The following criteria must be evaluated in light of (at a minimum) the witness’s educational and professional training, the witness’s area of specialization, the length of time the witness has been engaged in the active clinical practice or instruction of the health profession or the specialty, and the relevancy of the expert witness’s testimony (MCL 600.2169(2)):



<sup>1</sup>See the Michigan Judicial Institute’s *Civil Proceedings Benchbook*, Chapter 9, regarding medical malpractice actions and *Evidence Benchbook*, Chapter 4, regarding expert witnesses.

