

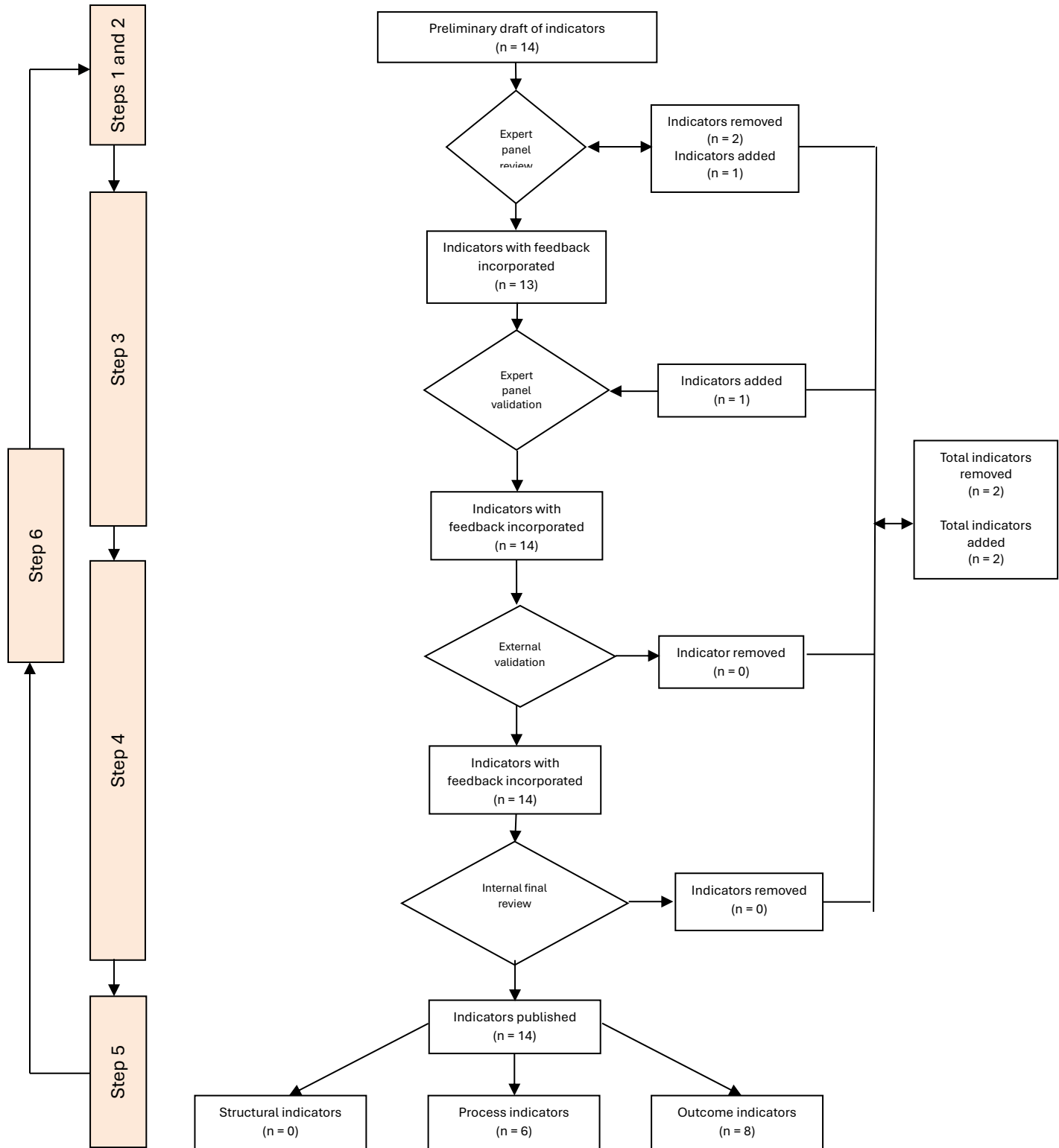
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**Indicator selection process**

The following is a summary of the RNAO indicator selection process (see Figure 4).

1. **Guideline selection:** Indicators are selected for guidelines focused on health system priorities, with an emphasis on filling gaps in measurement while reducing reporting burden.
2. **Extraction of recommendations:** Good practice statements, recommendations, outcomes of the research question and BPG Order Sets™ (if applicable) are reviewed to extract potential measures for indicator development.
3. **Indicator selection and development:** Indicators are selected and developed through established methodology, including alignment with external organizations.
4. **Practice test and validation:** Proposed indicators are internally validated through face and content validity and externally validated by expert panel members and external reviewers who concurrently reviewed the drafted BPG.
5. **Implementation:** Indicators are published in the BPG Evaluation section, and data dictionaries are developed for publication on the the Nursing Quality Indicators for Reporting and Evaluation® (NQuIRE®) website for use by BPSOs.
6. **Data quality assessment and evaluation:** Data quality assessment and evaluation, as well as ongoing feedback from BPSOs, ensure purposeful evolution of BPG indicators collected in NQuIRE.

**Figure 4: Indicator selection flow diagram**



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