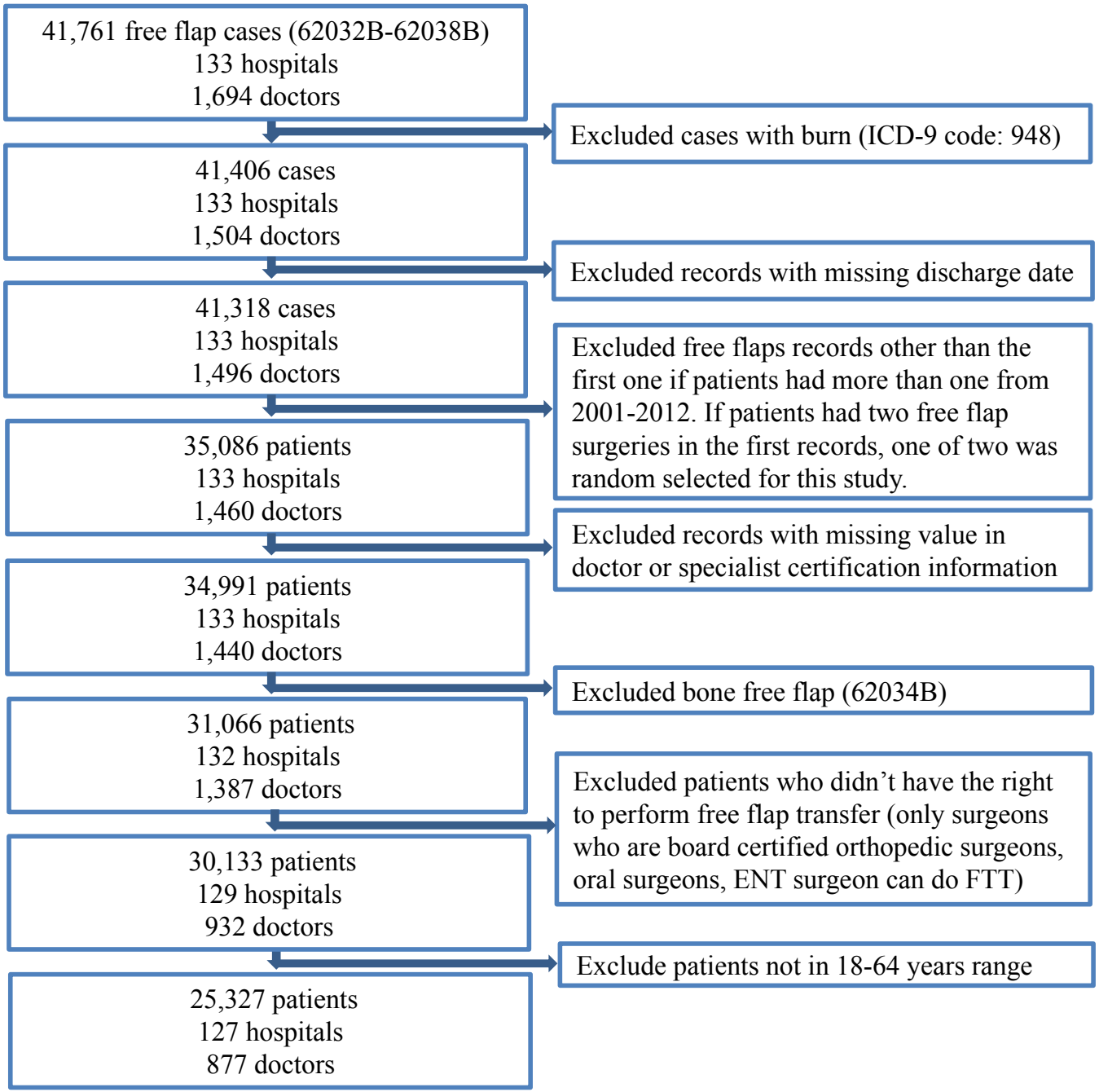
41,761 free flap cases (62032B-62038B)
133 hospitals
1,694 doctors
Excluded cases with burn (ICD-9 code: 948)
41,406 cases
133 hospitals
1,504 doctors
Excluded records with missing discharge date
41,318 cases
133 hospitals
1,496 doctors
Excluded free flaps records other than the first one if patients had more than one from 2001-2012. If patients had two free flap surgeries in the first records, one of two was random selected for this study.
35,086 patients
133 hospitals
1,460 doctors
Excluded records with missing value in doctor or specialist certification information
34,991 patients
133 hospitals
1,440 doctors
Excluded bone free flap (62034B)
31,066 patients
132 hospitals
1,387 doctors
Excluded patients who didn't have the right to perform free flap transfer (only surgeons who are board certified orthopedic surgeons, oral surgeons, ENT surgeon can do FTT)
30,133 patients
129 hospitals
932 doctors
Exclude patients not in 18-64 years range
25,327 patients
127 hospitals
877 doctors