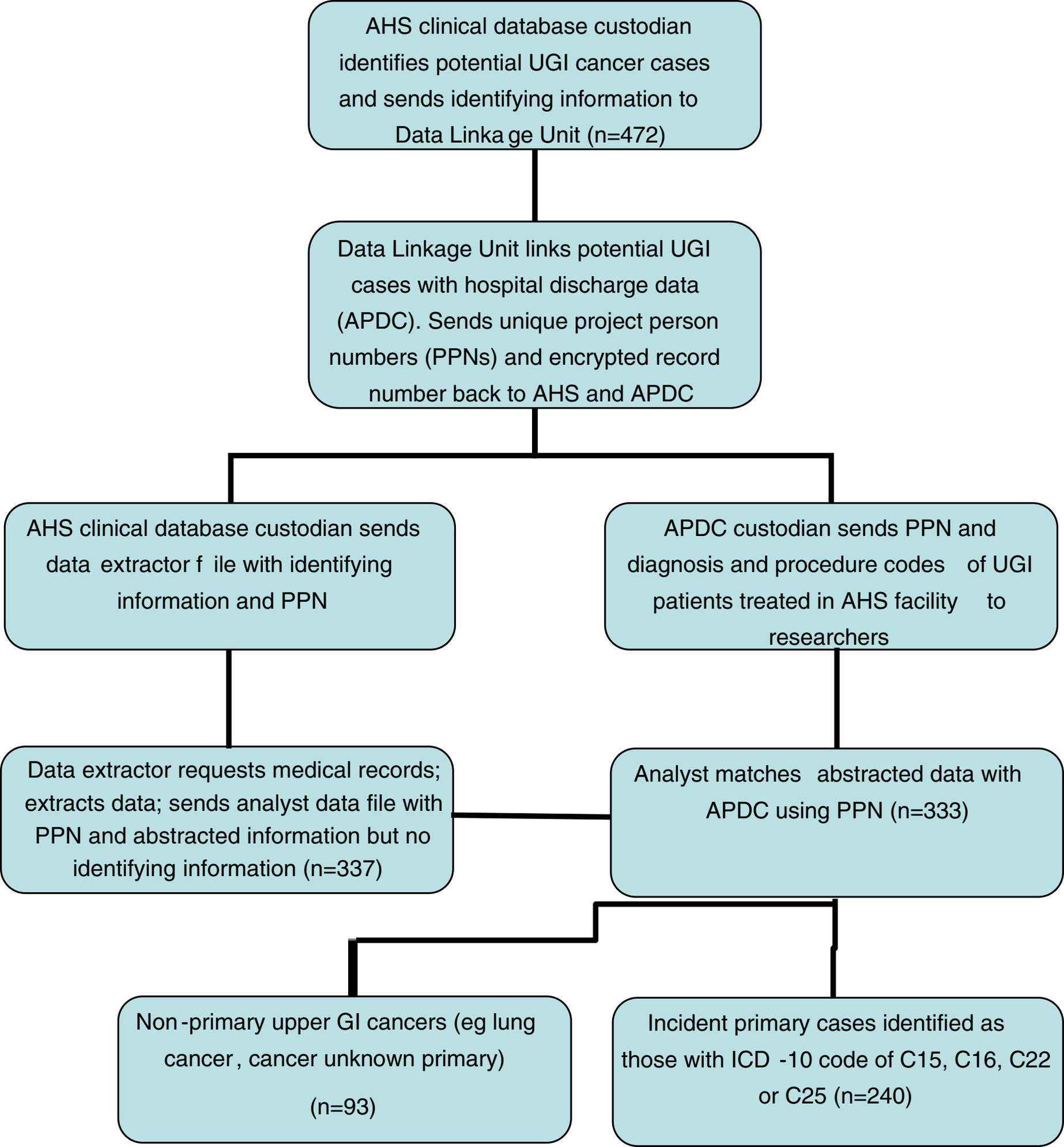
AHS clinical database custodian identifies potential UGI cancer cases and sends identifying information to Data Linka ge Unit (n=472)
Data Linkage Unit links potential UGI cases with hospital discharge data (APDC). Sends unique project person numbers (PPNs) and encrypted record number back to AHS and APDC
AHS clinical database custodian sends data extractor f ile with identifying information and PPN
APDC custodian sends PPN and diagnosis and procedure codes of UGI patients treated in AHS facility to researchers
Data extractor requests medical records; extracts data; sends analyst data file with PPN and abstracted information but no identifying information (n=337)
Analyst matches abstracted data with APDC using PPN (n=333)
Non-primary upper GI cancers (eg lung cancer, cancer unknown primary) (n=93)
Incident primary cases identified as those with ICD -10 code of C15, C16, C22 or C25 (n=240)