

Physician Quality Reporting Initiative: 2008 Quality Measures

Below is a list of the quality measures included in the 2008 Physician Quality Reporting Initiative (PQRI). To recoup the full incentive payment of 1.5% allowed Medicare charges, a physician must report at least 3 measures on at least 80% of the claims to which the measures apply. If a physician reports data for fewer than 3 measures, the physician's claims will be analyzed to determine whether other measures could have also been reported. This first step in the process involves a clinical relation test, which analyzes claims to determine if there were other measures that applied to the patient population, and therefore, could have been reported. CMS has grouped measures into population clusters for this purpose. If CMS finds that the physician had 30 or more patients/encounters during the reporting period to which an unreported measure could have applied, CMS will deny payment of the financial incentive

Preventive

- 39. Screening or Therapy for Osteoporosis for Women Aged 65 Years and Older
- 48. Assessment of Presence or Absence of Urinary Incontinence in Women Aged 65 Years and Older
- 110. Influenza Vaccination for Patients Greater than or Equal to 50 Years Old
- 111. Pneumonia Vaccination for Patients 65 Years and Older
- 112. Screening Mammography
- 113. Colorectal Cancer Screening
- 114. Inquiry Regarding Tobacco Use
- 115. Advising Smokers to Quit

Chronic Diabetic Care

- 1. Hemoglobin A1c Poor Control in Type 1 or 2 Diabetes Mellitus
- 2. Low Density Lipoprotein Control in Type 1 or 2 Diabetes Mellitus
- 3. High Blood Pressure Control in Type 1 or 2 Diabetes Mellitus

COPD Care

- 51. Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD): Spirometry Evaluation
- 52. Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD): Bronchodilator Therapy

Chronic Cardiac Care

- 5. Heart Failure: Angiotensin-Converting Enzyme (ACE) Inhibitor or Angiotensin Receptor Blocker (ARB) Therapy for Left Ventricular Systolic Dysfunction (LVSD)
- 6. Oral Antiplatelet Therapy Prescribed for Patients with Coronary Artery Disease
- 7. Beta-Blocker Therapy for Coronary Artery Disease Patients with Prior Myocardial Infarction (MI)
- 8. Heart Failure: Beta-Blocker Therapy for Left Ventricular Systolic Dysfunction
- 118. Angiotensin-Converting Enzyme Inhibitor (ACE) or Angiotensin Receptor Blocker (ARB) Therapy for Patients with Coronary Artery Disease and Diabetes and/or Left Ventricular Systolic Dysfunction (LVSD)

Asthma Care

- 53. Asthma: Pharmacologic Therapy
- 64. Asthma Assessment

Pneumonia Care

- 56. Vital Signs for Community-Acquired Bacterial Pneumonia
- 57. Assessment of Oxygen Saturation for Community-Acquired Bacterial Pneumonia
- 58. Assessment of Mental Status for Community-Acquired Pneumonia
- 59. Empiric Antibiotic for Community-Acquired Bacterial Pneumonia

Cancer Care 1

- 67. Myelodysplastic Syndrome (MDS) and Acute Leukemias: Baseline Cytogenetic Testing Performed on Bone Marrow
- 68. Myelodysplastic Syndrome (MDS): Documentation of Iron Stores in Patients Receiving Erythropoietin Therapy
- 69. Multiple Myeloma: Treatment with Bisphosphonates
- 70. Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia (CLL): Baseline Flow Cytometry

Cancer Care 2

- 71. Hormonal Therapy for Stage IC - III ER/PR Positive Breast Cancer
- 72. Chemotherapy for Stage III Colon Cancer Patients
- 73. Plan for Chemotherapy Documented Before Chemotherapy Administered

Cancer Care 3: Prostate Cancer Care

- 101. Appropriate Initial Evaluation of Patients with Prostate Cancer
- 102. Inappropriate Use of Bone Scan for Staging Low-Risk Prostate Cancer Patients
- 103. Review of Treatment Options in Patients with Clinically Localized Prostate Cancer

Urinary Incontinence Care

- 49. Characterization of Urinary Incontinence in Women Aged 65 Years and Older
- 50. Plan of Care for Urinary Incontinence in Women Aged 65 Years and Older

Fracture Follow-up Care

- 24. Osteoporosis: Communication with the Physician Managing Ongoing Care Post-Fracture
- 40. Osteoporosis: Management Following Fracture

Ear, Nose, Throat Care

- 91. Acute Otitis Externa (AOE): Topical Therapy
- 92. Acute Otitis Externa (AOE): Pain Assessment
- 93. Acute Otitis Externa (AOE): Systemic Antimicrobial Therapy – Avoidance of Inappropriate Use

Pediatric ENT

- 65. Appropriate Treatment for Children with Upper Respiratory Infection (URI)
- 66. Appropriate Testing for Children with Pharyngitis

- 94. Otitis Media with Effusion (OME): Diagnostic Evaluation – Assessment of Tympanic Membrane Mobility
- 96. Otitis Media with Effusion (OME): Antihistamines or Decongestants – Avoidance of Inappropriate Use
- 97. Otitis Media with Effusion (OME): Systemic Antimicrobials – Avoidance of Inappropriate Use
- 98. Otitis Media with Effusion (OME): Systemic Corticosteroids – Avoidance of Inappropriate Use

Emergency Care

- 28. Aspirin at Arrival for Acute Myocardial Infarction (AMI)
- 54. Electrocardiogram Performed for Non-Traumatic Chest Pain
- 55. Electrocardiogram Performed for Syncope

Pathology

- 99. Breast Cancer Patients Who Have a pT and pN Category and Histologic Grade for Their Cancer
- 100. Colorectal Cancer Patients Who Have a pT and pN Category and Histologic Grade for Their Cancer

Radiology

- 10. Stroke and Stroke Rehabilitation: Computed Tomography (CT) or Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) Reports
- 11. Stroke and Stroke Rehabilitation: Carotid Imaging Reports

Depression

- 9. Antidepressant Medication During Acute Phase for Patients with New Episode of Major Depression
- 106. Patients Who Have Major Depression Disorder Who Meet DSM IV Criteria
- 107. Patients Who Have Major Depression Disorder Who Are Assessed for Suicide Risks

Eye Care

- 12. Primary Open Angle Glaucoma: Optic Nerve Evaluation
- 14. Age-Related Macular Degeneration: Dilated Macular Examination
- 18. Diabetic Retinopathy: Documentation of Presence or Absence of Macular Edema and Level of Severity of Retinopathy
- 19. Diabetic Retinopathy: Communication with the Physician Managing Ongoing Diabetes Care
- 117. Dilated Eye Exam in Diabetic Patient

Hepatitis Care

- 83. Testing of Patients with Chronic Hepatitis C (HCV) for Hepatitis C Viremia
- 84. Initial Hepatitis C RNA Testing
- 85. HCV Genotype Testing Prior to Therapy
- 86. Consideration for Antiviral Therapy in HCV Patients
- 87. HCV RNA Testing at Week 12 of Therapy

- 88. Hepatitis A and B Vaccination in Patients with HCV
- 89. Counseling of Patients with HCV Regarding Use of Alcohol
- 90. Counseling of Patients Regarding Use of Contraception Prior to Starting Antiviral Treatment

Renal Disease Care

- 78. Vascular Access for Patients Undergoing Hemodialysis
- 79. Influenza Vaccination in Patients with End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD)
- 80. Plan of Care for ESRD Patients with Anemia
- 81. Plan of Care for Inadequate Hemodialysis in ESRD Patients
- 82. Plan of Care for Inadequate Peritoneal Dialysis
- 120. ACE Inhibitor or Angiotensin Receptor Blocker (ARB) Therapy in Patients with CKD
- 121. Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD): Laboratory Testing (Calcium, Phosphorus, Intact Parathyroid Hormone (iPTH) and Lipid Profile)
- 122. Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD): Blood Pressure Management
- 123. Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD): Plan of Care: Elevated Hemoglobin for Patients Receiving Erythropoiesis - Stimulating Agents (ESA)

Stroke Management

- 31. Stroke and Stroke Rehabilitation: Deep Vein Thrombosis Prophylaxis (DVT) for Ischemic Stroke or Intracranial Hemorrhage
- 35. Stroke and Stroke Rehabilitation: Screening for Dysphagia

Stroke Discharge

- 32. Stroke and Stroke Rehabilitation: Discharged on Antiplatelet Therapy
- 33. Stroke and Stroke Rehabilitation: Anticoagulant Therapy Prescribed for Atrial Fibrillation at Discharge
- 36. Stroke and Stroke Rehabilitation: Consideration of Rehabilitation Services

Surgical Care

- 20. Perioperative Care: Timing of Antibiotic Prophylaxis – Ordering Physician
- 21. Perioperative Care: Selection of Prophylactic Antibiotic – First OR Second Generation Cephalosporin
- 22. Perioperative Care: Discontinuation of Prophylactic Antibiotics (Non-Cardiac Procedures)
- 23. Perioperative Care: Venous Thromboembolism (VTE) Prophylaxis (When Indicated in ALL Patients)

Cardiac Surgical Care

- 43. Use of Internal Mammary Artery (IMA) in Coronary Artery Bypass Graft (CABG) Surgery
- 44. Preoperative Beta-blocker in Patients with Isolated Coronary Artery Bypass Graft (CABG) Surgery
- 45. Perioperative Care: Discontinuation of Prophylactic Antibiotics (Cardiac Procedures)

Diabetic Foot Care

- 126. Diabetic Foot and Ankle Care, Peripheral Neuropathy: Neurological Evaluation
- 127. Diabetic Foot and Ankle Care, Ulcer Prevention: Evaluation of Footwear

Allied Professional Care

- 128. Universal Weight Screening and Follow-Up
- 129. Universal Influenza Vaccine Screening and Counseling
- 130. Universal Documentation and Verification of Current Medications in the Medical Record

Measures Not Included in Cluster

The following measures have been deemed to be generally or broadly applicable to all or many Medicare patients, and are therefore excluded from the measure-applicability validation.

4. Screening for Future Fall Risk

- 30. Perioperative Care: Timing of Prophylactic Antibiotics – Administering Physician
- 34. Stroke and Stroke Rehabilitation: Tissue Plasminogen Activator (t-PA) Considered
- 41. Osteoporosis: Pharmacologic Therapy
- 46. Medication Reconciliation
- 47. Advance Care Plan
- 74. Radiation Therapy Recommended for Invasive Breast Cancer Patients Who Have Undergone Breast Conserving Surgery
- 75. Prevention of Ventilator-Associated Pneumonia – Head Elevation
- 76. Prevention of Catheter-Related Bloodstream Infections (CRBSI) – Central Venous Catheter Insertion Protocol
- 77. Assessment of GERD Symptoms in Patients Receiving Chronic Medication for GERD
- 95. Otitis Media with Effusion (OME): Hearing Testing
- 104. Adjuvant Hormonal Therapy for High-Risk Prostate Cancer Patients
- 105. Three-Dimensional Radiotherapy for Patients with Prostate Cancer
- 108. Disease Modifying Anti-Rheumatic Drug Therapy in Rheumatoid Arthritis
- 109. Patients with Osteoarthritis Who Have an Assessment of Their Pain and Function
- 116. Inappropriate Antibiotic Treatment for Adults with Acute Bronchitis
- 119. Urine Screening for Microalbumin or Medical Attention for Nephropathy in Diabetic Patients
- 124. HIT – Adoption/Use of Health Information Technology (Electronic Health Records)
- 125. HIT – Adoption/Use of e-Prescribing
- 131. Pain Assessment Prior to Initiation of Patient Treatment 1/18/2008 7
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- 132. Patient Co-Development of Treatment Plan/Plan of Care
- 133. Screening for Cognitive Impairment
- 134. Screening for Clinical Depression