

Assessment for Alarm Symptoms

*This measure is to be reported for all patients aged 18 years and older with GERD — a minimum of **once** per reporting period.*

Measure description

Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with a diagnosis of GERD, seen for an initial evaluation, who were assessed for the presence or absence of the following alarm symptoms: involuntary weight loss, dysphagia, and GI bleeding

What will you need to report for each patient with GERD for this measure?

If you select this measure for reporting, you will need to determine:

- Whether or not the patient is being seen for an initial evaluation of GERD

If the patient is being seen for an initial evaluation of GERD, you will then need to report:

- Whether or not you assessed alarm symptoms (involuntary weight loss, dysphagia, or gastrointestinal bleeding)

What if this process or outcome of care is not appropriate for your patient?

There may be times when it is not appropriate to assess alarm symptoms, due to:

- Medical reasons (eg, not indicated, contraindicated, other medical reason)

In these cases, you will need to indicate that the medical reason applies, specify the reason on the worksheet and in the medical chart. The office/billing staff will then report a code with a modifier that represents these valid reasons (also called exclusions).

Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease (GERD)

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PQRI Data Collection Sheet

Patient's Name	Practice Medical Record Number (MRN)	Birth Date (mm/dd/yyyy) / /	Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
National Provider Identifier (NPI)		Date of Service	

Clinical Information

Billing Information

Step 1 Is patient eligible for this measure?

	Yes	No	Code Required on Claim Form
Patient is aged 18 years and older.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Verify date of birth on claim form.
Patient has a diagnosis of GERD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Refer to coding specifications document for list of applicable codes.
There is a CPT E/M Service Code for this visit.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
If No is checked for any of the above, STOP. Do not report a CPT category II code.			

Step 2 Does patient also have the other requirements for this measure?

	Yes	No	Code to be Reported on Line 24D of Paper Claim Form (or Service Line 24 of Electronic Claim Form)
Is this patient being seen for an initial evaluation for GERD?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	If No , report only 1070F-8P and STOP. If Yes , proceed to Step 3.

Step 3 Does patient meet or have an acceptable reason for not meeting the measure?

Alarm Symptoms ¹	Yes	No	Code to be Reported on Line 24D of Paper Claim Form, if Yes (or Service Line 24 of Electronic Claim Form)
Assessed; none present	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1070F
Assessed; one or more present	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1071F
Not assessed for the following reason: • Medical (eg, not indicated, contraindicated, other medical reason)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1070F-1P or 1071F-1P
Document reason here and in medical chart. _____ _____			If No is checked for all of the above, report 1071F-8P (Alarm symptoms [involuntary weight loss, dysphagia, or gastrointestinal bleeding] <i>not</i> assessed, reason not otherwise specified.)

¹Alarm Symptoms include involuntary weight loss, dysphagia, and GI bleeding

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Coding Specifications

Codes required to document patient has GERD and a visit occurred:

An ICD-9 diagnosis code for GERD and a CPT E/M service code are required to identify patients to be included in this measure.

GERD ICD-9 diagnosis codes

- 530.81 (esophageal reflux),
- 530.10, 530.11, 530.12, 530.19 (esophagitis)

AND

CPT E/M service codes

- 99201, 99202, 99203, 99204, 99205 (office — new patient),
- 99212, 99213, 99214, 99215 (office — established patient),
- 99241, 99242, 99243, 99244, 99245 (outpatient consult),

Quality codes for this measure (one of the following for every eligible patient):

CPT II Code descriptors

(Data Collection sheet should be used to determine appropriate combination of codes.)

- **CPT II 1070F:** Alarm symptoms (involuntary weight loss, dysphagia, or gastrointestinal bleeding) assessed; none present
- **CPT II 1071F:** Alarm symptoms (involuntary weight loss, dysphagia, or gastrointestinal bleeding) assessed; one or more present
- **CPT II 1070F-8P:** Not initial evaluation of GERD
- **CPT II 1070F-1P or CPT II 1071F-1P:** Documentation of medical reason(s) for not documenting presence or absence of alarm symptoms
- **CPT II 1071F-8P:** Alarm symptoms (involuntary weight loss, dysphagia, or gastrointestinal bleeding) not assessed, reason not otherwise specified

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