

**\*Measure #48: Assessment of Presence or Absence of Urinary Incontinence in Women Aged 65 Years and Older**

**DESCRIPTION:**

Percentage of female patients aged 65 years and older who were assessed for the presence or absence of urinary incontinence within 12 months

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

This measure is to be reported a minimum of once per reporting period for patients seen during the reporting period. This measure is appropriate for use in the ambulatory setting only and is considered a general screening measure. There is no diagnosis associated with this measure. This measure may be reported by clinicians who perform the quality actions described in the measure based on the services provided and the measure-specific denominator coding.

**This measure is reported using CPT Category II codes:**

CPT E/M service codes and patient demographics (age, gender, etc.) are used to identify patients who are included in the measure's denominator. CPT Category II codes are used to report the numerator of the measure.

When reporting the measure, submit the listed CPT E/M service codes and the appropriate CPT Category II code **OR** the CPT Category II code **with** the modifier. The modifiers allowed for this measure are: 1P- medical reasons, 8P- reasons not otherwise specified.

**NUMERATOR:**

Patients who were assessed for the presence or absence of urinary incontinence within 12 months

**Definition:** Urinary incontinence is defined as any involuntary leakage of urine.

**Numerator Coding:**

**Presence or Absence of Urinary Incontinence Assessed**

CPT II 1090F: Presence or absence of urinary incontinence assessed

OR

**Presence or Absence of Urinary Incontinence not Assessed for Medical Reasons**

Append a modifier (1P) to CPT Category II code 1090F to report documented circumstances that appropriately exclude patients from the denominator.

- **1P:** Documentation of medical reason(s) for not assessing for the presence or absence of urinary incontinence

OR

**Presence or Absence of Urinary Incontinence not Assessed, Reason not Specified**

Append a reporting modifier (8P) to CPT Category II code 1090F to report circumstances when the action described in the numerator is not performed and the reason is not otherwise specified.

- **8P:** Presence or absence of urinary incontinence not assessed, reason not otherwise specified

**DENOMINATOR:**

All female patients aged 65 years and older

**Denominator Coding:**

A CPT E/M service code is required to identify patients for denominator inclusion.

**CPT E/M service codes:** 99201, 99202, 99203, 99204, 99205, 99212, 99213, 99214, 99215

**RATIONALE:**

Female patients may not volunteer information regarding incontinence so they should be asked by their physician.

**CLINICAL RECOMMENDATION STATEMENTS:**

Strategies to increase recognition and reporting of UI are required and especially the perception that it is an inevitable consequence of aging for which little or nothing can be done. (ICI)

Patients with urinary incontinence should undergo a basic evaluation that includes a history, physical examination, measurement of post-void residual volume, and urinalysis. (ACOG) (Level C)

Health care providers should be able to initiate evaluation and treatment of UI basing their judgment on the results of history, physical examination, post-voiding residual and urinalysis. (ICI) (Grade B for women)