Diabetes Mellitus

Foot Exam

This measure is to be reported for all patients aged 18 through 75 years with diabetes mellitus — a minimum of **once** per reporting period.

Measure description

Percentage of patients aged 18 through 75 years with diabetes mellitus who had a foot examination

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

If you select this measure for reporting, you will report:

■ Whether or not you performed a foot examination (includes visual inspection, sensory exam with monofilament, or pulse exam)

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

There may be times when it is not appropriate to perform a foot examination, due to:

■ Medical reasons (ie, patient with bilateral foot/leg amputation)

In these cases, you will need to indicate that the medical reason applies, and 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).