

Tobacco Use: Screening — Ambulatory Care Setting

*This measure is to be reported for all patients aged 5 through 50 years with asthma — a minimum of **once** per reporting period.*

Measure description

Percentage of patients aged 5 through 50 years with a diagnosis of asthma who were queried about tobacco use¹ and exposure² to secondhand smoke in their home environment at least once within 12 months

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

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

- Whether or not you queried the patient about tobacco use¹ and exposure² to secondhand smoke in their home environment at least once within 12 months

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

Some measures provide an opportunity for the physician or eligible health professional to document when a process or outcome of care is not appropriate for a given patient (also called performance exclusions). Because this measure is applicable to most if not all patients, there are no allowable performance exclusions.

¹For the purposes of this measure “tobacco user” refers to tobacco smokers and “tobacco non-user” refers to non-smokers (including non-smoker tobacco users, e.g., chew, snuff)

²Information regarding tobacco exposure for patients under 18 obtained from a parent or guardian is valid for reporting the numerator. In order to meet the measure, there must be a note in the medical record documenting that the patient was queried about both smoking status AND exposure to environmental smoke in the home environment.