

Screening or Therapy for Osteoporosis for Women Aged 65 Years and Older

*This measure is to be reported for all female patients aged 65 years and older seen by the clinician — a minimum of **once** per reporting period.*

Measure description

Percentage of female patients aged 65 years and older who have a central dual-energy X-ray absorptiometry (DXA) measurement ordered or performed at least once since age 60 or pharmacologic therapy¹ prescribed² within 12 months

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

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

- Whether or not you ordered or performed a central DXA measurement at least once since age 60

OR

- Whether or not you prescribed pharmacologic therapy (other than minerals/vitamins) for osteoporosis

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

There may be times when it is not appropriate to order or perform a central DXA measurement at least once since age 60 OR prescribe pharmacologic therapy for osteoporosis, due to:

- Documented reasons (eg, patient was not an eligible candidate for screening or therapy for osteoporosis)

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

¹Pharmacologic therapy: U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved pharmacologic options for osteoporosis prevention and/or treatment of postmenopausal osteoporosis include, in alphabetical order: bisphosphonates (alendronate, ibandronate, and risedronate), calcitonin, estrogens (estrogens and/or hormone therapy), parathyroid hormone [PTH (1-34), teriparatide], and selective estrogen receptor modulators or SERMs (raloxifene).

²“Prescribed” includes patients who are currently receiving medication(s) that follow the treatment plan recommended at an encounter during the reporting period, even if the prescription for that medication was ordered prior to the encounter.