

Bronchodilator Therapy

*This measure is to be reported for all patients aged 18 years and older with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) — a minimum of **once** per reporting period.*

Measure description

Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with a diagnosis of COPD and who have an FEV₁/FVC less than 70% and have symptoms who were prescribed¹ an inhaled bronchodilator

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

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

- The presence of COPD symptoms and spirometry test results for every patient with COPD:
 - Patient has COPD symptoms (dyspnea or cough/sputum or wheezing) with spirometry test results demonstrating FEV₁/FVC < 70% OR
 - Patient does not have COPD symptoms or spirometry test results demonstrate FEV₁/FVC ≥ 70%

If the patient has COPD symptoms with spirometry test results demonstrating FEV₁/FVC < 70%, you will then need to report:

- Whether or not you prescribed¹ an inhaled bronchodilator for the patient

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

There may be times when it is not appropriate to prescribe an inhaled bronchodilator for the patient with COPD symptoms whose spirometry test results demonstrate FEV₁/FVC < 70%, due to:

- Medical reasons (eg, not indicated, contraindicated, other medical reason) OR
- Patient reasons (eg, patient declined, economic, social, religious, other patient reason) OR
- System reasons (eg, resources to perform the services not available, other reason attributable to health care delivery system)

In these cases, you will need to indicate which 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).

¹“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.