

## Baseline Flow Cytometry

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

### Measure description

Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with a diagnosis of CLL who had baseline flow cytometry studies performed

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

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

- Whether or not you performed baseline flow cytometry studies<sup>1</sup> (regardless of when the baseline testing was performed)

### 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 baseline flow cytometry studies, 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, insurance coverage/payer-related limitations, 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).

<sup>1</sup>Baseline flow cytometry studies refer to testing that is performed at time of diagnosis or prior to initiating treatment for that diagnosis. Treatment may include anti-neoplastic therapy.