

Testing for Chronic Hepatitis C — Confirmation of Hepatitis C Viremia

*This measure is to be reported for all patients aged 18 years and older with hepatitis C — **once** at the first visit during the reporting period.*

Measure description

Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with a diagnosis of hepatitis C seen for an initial evaluation who had HCV RNA testing ordered or previously performed

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

If you select this measure for reporting, at the first visit during the reporting year, you will need to determine:

- Whether or not the patient is being seen for an initial evaluation of hepatitis C

If the patient is being seen for an initial evaluation of hepatitis C, you will then need to report:

- Whether or not you ordered or previously performed HCV RNA testing

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 HCV RNA testing, due to:

- Medical reasons (eg, not indicated, contraindicated, other medical reason) OR
- Patient reasons (eg, patient declined, economic, social, religious, other patient reason)

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).