

Use of Compression System in Patients with Venous Ulcers

*This measure is to be reported for all patients aged 18 years and older with venous ulcer — a minimum of **once** per reporting period.*

Measure description

Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with a diagnosis of venous ulcer who were prescribed compression therapy within the 12-month reporting period

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

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

- Whether or not you prescribed compression therapy

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 compression therapy, due to:

- Medical reasons (eg, severe arterial occlusive disease) 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, or 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).