

Spirometry Evaluation

*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 who had spirometry evaluation results documented

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

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

- Whether or not you reviewed and documented the spirometry evaluation results¹

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

There may be times when it is not appropriate to review and document the spirometry evaluation results, 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).

¹Look for most recent documentation of spirometry evaluation results (FEV₁ and FEV₁/FVC) in the medical record; do not limit the search to the reporting period.