

Hepatitis C Measures Group

This measures group is to be reported for patients aged 18 years and older with a specific diagnosis of chronic hepatitis C receiving office or other outpatient services (for new and established patient). Some measures in the Hepatitis C Measures Group apply only to a subset of these patients (eg, measure applies to female patients aged 18 through 44 years and all men aged 18 years and older)

You will need to report G-Code G8545 once to indicate your intent to report on the Hepatitis C Measures Group. Once you have reported the G-Code, you should begin reporting using one of the patient sample methods listed below.

The following 2011 Physician Quality Reporting System measures are included in the Hepatitis C Measures Group:

#84. Hepatitis C: Ribonucleic Acid (RNA) Testing Before Initiating Treatment

Measure Description

Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with a diagnosis of chronic hepatitis C who are receiving antiviral treatment for whom quantitative HCV RNA testing was performed within 6 months prior to initiation of antiviral treatment

#85. Hepatitis C: HCV Genotype Testing Prior to Treatment

Measure Description

Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with a diagnosis of chronic hepatitis C who are receiving antiviral treatment for whom HCV genotype testing was performed prior to initiation of antiviral treatment

#86. Hepatitis C: Antiviral Treatment Prescribed

Measure Description

Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with a diagnosis of chronic hepatitis C who were prescribed peginterferon and ribavirin therapy within the 12-month reporting period

#87. Hepatitis C: HCV Ribonucleic Acid (RNA) Testing at Week 12 of Treatment

Measure Description

Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with a diagnosis of chronic hepatitis C who are receiving antiviral treatment for whom quantitative HCV RNA testing was performed at 12 weeks from the initiation of antiviral treatment

#89. Hepatitis C: Counseling Regarding Risk of Alcohol Consumption

Measure Description

Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with a diagnosis of hepatitis C who were counseled about the risks of alcohol use at least once within 12-months.

#90. Hepatitis C: Counseling Regarding Use of Contraception Prior to Antiviral Therapy

Measure Description

Percentage of female patients aged 18 through 44 years and all men aged 18 years and older with a diagnosis of chronic hepatitis C who are receiving antiviral treatment who were counseled regarding contraception prior to the initiation of treatment

#183. Hepatitis C: Hepatitis A Vaccination in Patients with HCV

Measure Description

Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with a diagnosis of hepatitis C who received at least one injection of hepatitis A vaccine, or who have documented immunity to hepatitis A

#184. Hepatitis C: Hepatitis B Vaccination in Patients with HCV

Measure Description

Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with a diagnosis of hepatitis C who received at least one injection of hepatitis B vaccine, or who have documented immunity to hepatitis B

This measures group can be reported by one of the following patient sample methods:

- **30 Patient Sample Method** — 30 unique Medicare Part B FFS (fee for service) patients meeting patient sample criteria for the measures group.
- **50% Patient Sample Method via Claims or 80% Patient Sample Method via Registry** — All patients meeting patient sample criteria for the measure group during the entire reporting period (January 1 through December 31, 2011 OR July 1 through December 31, 2011). For the 12-month reporting period, a minimum of 15 Medicare Part B FFS patients must meet the measures group patient sample criteria to report satisfactory. For the 6-month reporting period, a minimum of 8 Medicare Part B FFS patients must meet the measures group patient sample criteria to report satisfactory.

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