

Tobacco Use Screening and Cessation Intervention

*This measure is to be reported for all patients aged 18 years and older seen by the clinician — a minimum of **once** per reporting period.*

Measure description

Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older who were screened for tobacco use¹ one or more times within 24 months AND who received cessation counseling intervention² if identified as a tobacco user

What will you need to report for each patient aged 18 years and older for this measure?

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

- Whether or not you screened the patient for tobacco use AND provided cessation counseling intervention² if the patient was identified as a tobacco user

If you screened the patient for tobacco use, you will also report

- That you provided cessation counseling intervention² if the patient was identified as a tobacco user
- OR
- That the patient does not use any type of tobacco

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

There may be times when it is not appropriate to screen for tobacco use and provide cessation counseling intervention, due to:

- Medical reasons (eg, limited life expectancy, other medical reason)

In these cases, you will need to indicate the medical reason that 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).

¹For the purpose of this measure, “tobacco use” include any type of tobacco (smoking or smokeless tobacco)

²For the purpose of this measure, “cessation counseling intervention” includes counseling or pharmacotherapy