

2018 Clinical quality corner



One in a series of tip sheets that look at key Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set measures, commonly referred to as HEDIS® measures.

Cervical cancer screening

This measure examines the percentage of women ages 21 to 64 who had cervical cancer screening using either of these criteria:

- 21 to 64 years old: Cytology every three years
- 30 to 64 years old: Cytology and HPV co-testing every five years

Improving HEDIS scores

- Complete testing using one of the criteria above.
- Develop a call-back system to remind patients who are due for screening exams. Educate patients on the importance of routine screening and remind them that preventive screenings are covered under health care reform.
- Request patient information from specialists for your patients who say they've had testing done with their OB/GYN.
- Ensure that the chart includes documentation of testing and results.

Helpful HEDIS hints

- **Exclusions include:** history of complete, total or radical hysterectomy with no residual cervix, cervical agenesis or acquired absence of cervix.
- ICD-10 codes that denote absence of cervix include: Q51.5, Z90.710, Z90.712

Tips:

- Documentation must include the date the test was performed and the results. If a patient has had a hysterectomy, be sure to document it in the chart along with notation of no residual cervix for patients to whom this applies.
- You can also submit the appropriate code to exclude the patient from this measure.
- Alternatively, you can document a hysterectomy in combination with either a vaginal pap smear or documentation that the patient no longer needs Pap tests or cervical cancer screening to exclude members from this measure.

This measure applies to commercial members only.

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