

Ambulatory Surgical Center Quality Reporting (ASCQR) Program

FACT SHEET FOR ASC-10: ENDOSCOPY/POLYP SURVEILLANCE: COLONOSCOPY INTERVAL FOR PATIENTS WITH A HISTORY OF ADENOMATOUS POLYPS—AVOIDANCE OF INAPPROPRIATE USE

Description: Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older receiving a surveillance colonoscopy, with a history of a prior colonic polyp(s) in previous colonoscopy findings, who had a follow-up interval of 3 or more years since their last colonoscopy

Denominator Statement: All patients aged 18 years and older receiving a surveillance colonoscopy with a history of a prior colonic polyp(s) in previous colonoscopy findings

Numerator Statement: Patients who had an interval of 3 or more years since their last colonoscopy

When abstracting for this measure:

- **Do** use any medical reason that is documented in the medical record to exclude a case from the denominator population if the interval is less than 3 years. Please note that you must have **both** an interval of less than 3 years and the medical reason documented. Some examples are:
 - Patients with high risk for colon cancer
 - Last colonoscopy incomplete
 - Last colonoscopy had inadequate prep or poor visualization
 - Piecemeal removal of adenomas/polyps, or
 - Last colonoscopy found greater than 10 adenomas/polyps
- *Please remember that medical reasons are at the discretion of the physician.
- If documenting as a system reason (e.g., unable to locate the previous colonoscopy report), the system reason **and** the interval of less than 3 years since their last colonoscopy must clearly be documented.
- **Do** use any past medical history to locate the previous colonoscopy interval for abstraction. The patient's spoken history may be used to establish the interval from the most recent colonoscopy.
- **Do** calculate the time interval between colonoscopies according to the specificity of the date of the previous colonoscopy. If the date of the prior colonoscopy is reported in a day/month/year format, then the follow-up interval should be determined according to the specific day, month, and year of the previous colonoscopy. If the previous colonoscopy was reported in a month/year format, then the follow-up interval should be calculated according to the month and year of the previous colonoscopy. If only a year is provided, then 3 years from the given year is acceptable.
- **Do not** use "history of colonic polyps" as a medical reason to exclude records from the denominator. A patient must have a history of colonic polyps to be eligible for the measure.
- **Do not** include records with CPT/HCPCS modifiers 52, 53, 73, or 74.

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