

Ambulatory Surgical Center Quality Reporting (ASCQR) Program

FACT SHEET FOR ASC-9: ENDOSCOPY/POLYP SURVEILLANCE: APPROPRIATE FOLLOW-UP INTERVAL FOR NORMAL COLONOSCOPY IN AVERAGE RISK PATIENTS

Description: Percentage of patients aged 50 to 75 years of age receiving a screening colonoscopy without biopsy or polypectomy who had a recommended follow-up interval of at least 10 years for repeat colonoscopy documented in their colonoscopy report.

Denominator Statement: All patients aged 50 to 75 years of age receiving screening colonoscopy without biopsy or polypectomy

Numerator Statement: Patients who had a recommended follow-up interval of at least 10 years for repeat colonoscopy documented in their colonoscopy report

When abstracting for this measure:

- **Do** use the final colonoscopy report to abstract the recommended follow-up interval. If your facility utilizes another report that is equivalent to or contains the final colonoscopy report, utilize this report for abstraction.
- **Do** exclude a case based on age if there is documentation indicating no follow-up colonoscopy is needed or recommended **and** patient's age is identified as the reason.
- **Do** use any medical reason, such as a diagnosis, symptom, or condition that is documented in the medical record to exclude a case from the denominator population **only** when the recommended follow-up interval is less than 10 years. Please note that you must have **both** an interval of less than 10 years and the medical reason documented in order to use this as an exclusion from the denominator. Some examples are:
 - Above average risk patient
 - Inadequate prep
 - Family history of colon cancer
 - Diverticulitis documented in the medical record

*Please remember that medical reasons are at the discretion of the physician.

- **Do not** include records with CPT/HCPCS modifiers 52, 53, 73, or 74.
- **Do not** use time frames, such as “5–10 years,” “many,” “prn,” or “when symptomatic,” since they are not acceptable terms for the recommended follow-up interval of at least 10 years.

If you have any questions, please email us at ogrsupport@hsag.com or call us toll-free at 866.800.8756 from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. ET.

