

HEDIS[®] Tips:

Colorectal Cancer Screening

MEASURE DESCRIPTION

Patients 51-75 years of age who had one of the following screenings for colorectal cancer screening:

- gFOBT or iFOBT (or FIT) with required number of samples for each test during the measurement year, or
- Flexible sigmoidoscopy during the measurement year or the four years prior to the measurement year, or
- Colonoscopy during the measurement year or the nine years prior to the measurement year.

Exclusions: Colorectal cancer or total colectomy

USING CORRECT BILLING CODES

Codes to Identify Colorectal Cancer Screening

Description	Codes
FOBT	CPT: 82270, 82274 HCPCS: G0328
Flexible Sigmoidoscopy	CPT: 45330-45335, 45337-45342, 45345 HCPCS: G0104 ICD-9: 45.24
Colonoscopy	CPT: 44388-44394, 44397, 45355, 45378-45387, 45391, 45392 HCPCS: G0105, G0121 ICD-9: 45.22, 45.23, 45.25, 45.42, 45.43

Codes to Identify Exclusions

Description	Codes
Colorectal Cancer	HCPCS: G0213-G0215, G0231 ICD-9-CM: 153, 154.0, 154.1, 154.2, 154.3, 197.5, V10.05, V10.06 *ICD-10 CM: C18, C19, C20, C21, C78.5, Z85.038, Z85.048
Total Colectomy	CPT: 44150-44153, 44155-44158, 44210-44212 ICD-9: 45.81, 45.82, 45.83 *ICD-10 PCS: 0DTE0ZZ, 0DTE4ZZ, 0DTE7ZZ, 0DTE8ZZ

*ICD-10 codes to be used on or after 10/1/15

HOW TO IMPROVE HEDIS[®] SCORES

- Update patient history annually regarding colorectal cancer screening (test done and a date).
- Encourage patients who are resistant to having a colonoscopy to have a stool test that they can complete at home (either gFOBT or iFOBT).
- The iFOBT/FIT has fewer dietary restrictions and samples.
- Use standing orders and empower office staff to distribute FOBT or FIT kits to patients who need colorectal cancer screening or prepare referral for colonoscopy. Follow-up with patients.
- Clearly document patients with ileostomies, which implies colon removal (exclusion), and patients with a history of colon cancer (more and more frequent).