

HEDIS® MEASURE

Colorectal Cancer Screening (COL-E)



Measure Overview

The NCQA HEDIS® Colorectal Cancer Screening (COL-E) measure evaluates members 45 – 75 years of age who had appropriate screening for colorectal cancer.

Any of the following screenings meet criteria:

- Colonoscopy within the last 10 years
- Flexible Sigmoidoscopy within the last 5 years
- CT Colonography within the last 5 years
- Stool DNA (sDNA) with FIT test within the last 3 years
- Fecal Occult Blood Test (FOBT) within the last year

Required Exclusions:

- Members who use palliative care services, hospice services or elect to use a hospice benefit any time during the measurement year.
- Members who died during the measurement year.
- Members 66 years of age and older with frailty and advanced illness during the measurement year.
- Evidence of colorectal cancer or a total colectomy any time during the member's history through the end of the measurement year.

Medical Record Documentation

- Type of screening performed (e.g., colonoscopy, FIT)
- Date of the test
- Result of the test
- Clearly document appropriate exclusions in the medical record (e.g., history of total colectomy, hospice, advanced illness)
- Member refusals should also be documented

Ways to Improve Measure Performance

- Discuss the importance of early detection and encourage screening
- Recommend a different screening if a member refuses or can't tolerate a colonoscopy
- Flag members aged 45–75 in the EHR to prompt outreach
- Ask and record outside screenings (members often complete tests elsewhere)
- Use standing orders for FIT kits during annual wellness visits
- Educate members on test options and address barriers (prep, cost, transportation)
- Close gaps by reconciling external records into the chart before reporting

Description of Criteria

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Colonoscopy	CPT: 44388, 44389, 44390, 44391, 44392, 44394, 44401, 44402, 44403, 44404, 44405, 44406, 44407, 44408, 45378, 45379, 45380, 45381, 45382, 45384, 45385, 45386, 45388, 45389, 45390, 45391, 45392, 45393, 45398 HCPCS: G0105, G0121
Flexible Sigmoidoscopy	CPT: 45330, 45331, 45332, 45333, 45334, 45335, 45337, 45338, 45340, 45341, 45342, 45346, 45347, 45349, 45350 HCPCS: G0104
CT Colonography	CPT: 74261, 74262, 74263
Stool DNA (sDNA) with Fit Lab Test	CPT: 81528
FOBT Lab test	CPT: 82270, 82274 HCPCS: G0328

Note: LOINC and SNOMED information can be captured through Electronic Clinical Data Systems (ECDS) feeds. The ECDS reporting standard represents a step forward in adapting HEDIS for QRS to accommodate the expansive information available in electronic clinical datasets used for patient care and quality improvement.

Please contact your Account Executive to discuss options for a direct data feed. Direct data feeds can improve provider quality performance and reduce the burden of medical record reporting.