



Message from the Associate Medical Director

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New reporting changes. Did you know?

For 2020 there is a significant change in Cervical Cancer Screening for the 30 to 64-year-old age group. Recent HEDIS guideline changes for this measure no longer require co-testing for screening. Now, HPV testing can be done either ***with or without cervical cytology screening***. It is important to note that providers may continue to order HPV co-testing or reflex testing as this practice is still compliant, yet have the option of ordering the high-risk HPV without the cervical cytology screening. Exclusions for this measure remain unchanged. Co-testing, as you are aware, requires cervical cytology screening and HPV to be performed at the same time. Many of our physicians were performing reflex screening in which cervical cytology screening was performed and if ASC-US (atypical squamous cells of undetermined significance) or above were identified, then proceeded with the high-risk HPV testing. Several physicians were ordering HPV alone without the cervical cytology screening.

So this is good news as these options are acceptable and compliant for this measure. Hopefully, this will ease the burden in your practice and improve our compliance in this measure.

Cervical Cancer Screening

2019	2020
Denominator: Women ages 21-64 as of Dec. 31 of the measurement year	Denominator: Women ages 21-64 as of Dec. 31 of the measurement year
Numerator: Ages 21-64: cervical cytology every 3yrs (the current measurement year and 2yrs prior) Ages 30-64: cervical cytology AND a human papillomavirus (HPC) co-testing on the same day every 5yrs (the current measurement year and 4yrs prior)	Numerator: Ages 21-64: cervical cytology every 3yrs (the current measurement year and 2yrs prior) Ages 30-64: cervical <u>hrHPV</u> (high-risk human papillomavirus) testing every 5yrs (the current measurement year and 4yrs prior) Note: Either HPV co-testing or reflex testing are compliant for this measure. This can be performed with or without cervical cytology.

Measure Exclusions: Total, complete, or radical hysterectomy, cervical agenesis or acquired absence of cervix or if patient in hospice.

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