Colonoscopy for Patients With History of Adenomatous Polyps

Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) Quality Reporting

ASC-10 Endoscopy/Polyp Surveillance: Colonoscopy Interval for Patients with a History of Adenomatous Polyps—Avoidance of Inappropriate Use

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

Numerator Statement: Patients who had an interval of three 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.

Denominator Criteria (Eligible Cases):

- Patients age >18 on date of encounter; and
- Diagnosis for history of colonic polyp(s) ICD-10 CM Diagnosis code: Z86.010, Z85.038; and
- CPT or HCPCS: 44388, 44389, 44392, 44394, 45378, 45380, 45381, 45384, 45385, G0105; without and
- CPT Category 1 Modifiers: 52, 53, 73, 74

Denominator Exclusions

Documentation of medical reason(s) for an interval of less than three years since the last colonoscopy (e.g., patients with high risk for colon cancer, last colonoscopy incomplete, inadequate prep, piecemeal removal of adenomas/polyps, or last colonoscopy found greater than 10 adenomas/polyps).

Medical reason(s) is at the discretion of the physician. A “history of colonic polyps” is not an acceptable reason to exclude a case from the denominator; a patient must have a history of colonic polyps to be eligible for the measure. Documentation of a medical condition or finding can be used as a medical reason(s) for denominator exclusion purposes only if the previous colonoscopy was less than three years prior.

Documentation of a system reason(s) clearly documented in the current medical record for an interval of less than 3 years since the last colonoscopy (e.g., unable to locate previous colonoscopy report). For a system reason all of the following must be present in the medical record:

- The interval since the last colonoscopy is less than three years; and
- The medical reason for an interval of less than three is not documented; and
- A “system reason” is documented (e.g., previous colonoscopy report not available).

Additional Instructions

For purposes of this measure, a surveillance colonoscopy is defined as the colonoscopy performed after a colonic polyp(s) has been detected and removed. Information regarding the performance interval can be obtained from medical record documentation. For more information, please refer to the current specifications manual.

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