



2013 Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS) Group Practice Reporting Option (GPRO) Web Interface Narrative Specification Release Notes

CMS is pleased to announce the release of the 2013 PQRS GPRO Narrative Specification Release Notes. The list below details changes to existing measures made since the release of the 2012 PQRS Narrative Measure Specifications, Version 3.0 and the 2013 PQRS Narrative Measure Specifications, Version 4.0. These Release Notes correspond to Version 4.1 of the posted 2013 PQRS GPRO Narrative Specifications.

PQRS GPRO CARE-1: Medication Reconciliation: Reconciliation After Discharge from an Inpatient Facility
Updated Title, Description, and Denominator

PQRS GPRO CARE-2: Falls: Screening for Future Fall Risk
NO CHANGES

PQRS GPRO COPD-1: Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD): Bronchodilator Therapy
RETIRED

PQRS GPRO CAD-1: Coronary Artery Disease (CAD): Antiplatelet Therapy
RETIRED

PQRS GPRO CAD-2: Coronary Artery Disease (CAD): Lipid Control
Updated Denominator; Analyzed as a Composite
Added reference to composite measure after title (version 4.1)

PQRS GPRO CAD-7: Coronary Artery Disease (CAD): Angiotensin-Converting Enzyme (ACE) Inhibitor or Angiotensin Receptor Blocker (ARB) Therapy for Patients with CAD and Diabetes and/or Left Ventricular Systolic Dysfunction (LVSD)
Updated Title and Denominator; Analyzed as a Composite
Added reference to composite measure after title (version 4.1)

PQRS GPRO DM-2: Diabetes Mellitus: Hemoglobin A1c Poor Control in Diabetes Mellitus
Updated Title, Denominator, Rationale, and Clinical Recommendation Statements

PQRS GPRO DM-3: Diabetes Mellitus: High Blood Pressure Control in Diabetes Mellitus
RETIRED (See DM-13; For 2013, DM-3 is being replaced with DM-13. This measure has a different Measure Owner and will be analyzed as a Composite)

PQRS GPRO DM-5: Diabetes Mellitus: Low Density Lipoprotein (LDL-C) Control in Diabetes Mellitus
RETIRED (See DM-14; For 2013, DM-5 is being replaced with DM-14. This measure has a different Measure Owner and will be analyzed as a Composite)

PQRS GPRO DM-7: Diabetes Mellitus: Dilated Eye Exam in Diabetic Patient
RETIRED

PQRS GPRO DM-8: Diabetes Mellitus: Foot Exam
RETIRED



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PQRS GPRO DM-10: Diabetes Mellitus: Hemoglobin A1c Control (< 8%)

RETIRED (See DM-15; For 2013, DM-10 is being replaced with DM-15. This measure has a different Measure Owner and will be analyzed as a Composite)

PQRS GPRO DM-11: Diabetes Mellitus: Daily Aspirin Use for Patients with Diabetes and Ischemic Vascular Disease

Measure Number Change (Now DM-16), Updated Title, Description, Denominator, and Numerator; Analyzed as a Composite

Added reference to composite measure after title (version 4.1)

PQRS DM-12: Diabetes Mellitus: Tobacco Non-Use

Measure Number Change (Now DM-17), Updated Description, Denominator, and Numerator; Analyzed as a Composite

Added reference to composite measure after title (version 4.1)

PQRS GPRO HF-1: Heart Failure: Left Ventricular Ejection Fraction (LVEF) Assessment

RETIRED

PQRS GPRO HF-2: Heart Failure (HF): Left Ventricular Function (LVF) Testing

RETIRED

PQRS GPRO HF-5: Heart Failure: Patient Education

RETIRED

PQRS GPRO HF-6: Heart Failure: Beta-Blocker Therapy for Left Ventricular Systolic Dysfunction (LVSD)

Updated Description, Denominator, and Numerator

PQRS GPRO HF-7: Heart Failure: Angiotensin-Converting Enzyme (ACE) Inhibitor or Angiotensin Receptor Blocker (ARB) Therapy for Left Ventricular Systolic Dysfunction (LVSD)

RETIRED

PQRS GPRO HTN-2: Hypertension (HTN): Controlling High Blood Pressure

Updated Rationale and Clinical Recommendation Statements

PQRS GPRO IVD-1: Ischemic Vascular Disease (IVD): Complete Lipid Panel and Low Density Lipoprotein (LDL-C) Control

Updated Denominator

PQRS GPRO IVD-2: Ischemic Vascular Disease (IVD): Use of Aspirin or Another Antithrombotic

Updated Description and Denominator

PQRS GPRO PREV-5: Preventive Care and Screening: Screening Mammography

Updated Title and Clinical Recommendation Statements

PQRS GPRO PREV-6: Preventive Care and Screening: Colorectal Cancer Screening

NO CHANGES



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PQRS GPRO PREV-7: Preventive Care and Screening: Influenza Immunization
Updated Description, Denominator, and Numerator

PQRS GPRO PREV-8: Preventive Care and Screening: Pneumonia Vaccination for Patients 65 Years and Older
Updated Title, Rationale, and Clinical Recommendation Statements

PQRS GPRO PREV-9: Preventive Care and Screening: Body Mass Index (BMI) Screening and Follow-Up
Updated Description, Denominator, Numerator, Rationale, and Clinical Recommendation Statements

PQRS GPRO PREV-10: Preventive Care and Screening: Tobacco Use: Screening and Cessation Intervention
Updated Denominator and Numerator

PQRS GPRO PREV-11: Preventive Care and Screening: Screening for High Blood Pressure
Updated Title, Description, Denominator, Numerator, Rationale, and Clinical Recommendation Statements