

2015 Group Practice Measures Available on Physician Compare in late 2016

If your group practice reported any of the following 2015 Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS) measures via the Group Practice Reporting Option (GPRO) using the designated reporting mechanism indicated below, the performance scores may be publicly reported on your group practice's [Physician Compare](#) profile page in late 2016. The 2015 PQRS measures targeted for public reporting are organized under the following categories:

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In addition, [patient survey scores](#) for the Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CAHPS) for PQRS summary survey measures are also targeted for public reporting in late 2016.

Starting on October 12, 2016, group practices will be able to preview their performance scores as they will appear on Physician Compare for 30 days. The secured measure preview will be facilitated through the PQRS portal—Provider Quality Information Portal (PQIP). For more information on previewing your group's performance scores, visit the [Physician Compare Initiative page](#).

Preventive care: General health			
PQRS measure number	Plain language measure title	Technical measure title	Reporting mechanism
48	Evaluating loss of bladder control in older women.	Urinary Incontinence: Assessment of Presence or Absence of Urinary Incontinence in Women Aged 65 Years and Older	Registry
50	Care plan for older women with loss of bladder control.	Urinary Incontinence: Plan of Care for Urinary Incontinence in Women Aged 65 Years and Older	Registry
110	Getting a flu shot during flu season.	Preventive Care and Screening: Influenza Immunization	Web Interface
111	Making sure older adults have gotten a pneumonia vaccine.	Pneumonia Vaccination Status for Older Adults	Web Interface
128	Screening for an unhealthy body weight and developing a follow-up plan.	Preventive Care and Screening: Body Mass Index (BMI) Screening and Follow-Up Plan	Web Interface
131	Screening for pain and developing a follow-up plan.	Pain Assessment and Follow-Up	Registry
181	Screening for mistreatment of older patients and developing a follow-up plan.	Elder Maltreatment Screen and Follow-Up Plan	Registry
317	Screening for high blood pressure and developing a follow-up plan.	Preventive Care and Screening: Screening for High Blood Pressure and Follow-Up Documented	Web Interface

Preventive care: Cancer screening			
PQRS measure number	Plain language measure title	Technical measure title	Reporting mechanism
112	Screening for breast cancer.	Breast Cancer Screening	Web Interface
113	Screening for colorectal (colon or rectum) cancer.	Colorectal Cancer Screening	Web Interface
146	Categorizing X-ray images in breast cancer screening.	Radiology: Inappropriate Use of "Probably Benign" Assessment Category in Mammography Screening	Registry
185	Appropriate follow-up colonoscopy screening for patients with noncancerous growths in the colon.	Colonoscopy Interval for Patients with a History of Adenomatous Polyps – Avoidance of Inappropriate Use	Registry
225	Follow-up appointment scheduled for patients screened for breast cancer.	Radiology: Reminder System for Screening Mammograms	Registry
320	Appropriate follow-up colonoscopy screening for colorectal (colon or rectal) cancer.	Appropriate Follow-Up Interval for Normal Colonoscopy in Average Risk Patients	Registry

Patient safety

PQRS measure number	Plain language measure title	Technical measure title	Reporting mechanism
21	Giving preventive antibiotics to surgical patients.	Perioperative Care: Selection of Prophylactic Antibiotic – First OR Second Generation Cephalosporin	Registry
22	Stopping preventive antibiotics 24 hours after non-cardiac surgeries.	Perioperative Care: Discontinuation of Prophylactic Parenteral Antibiotics (Non-Cardiac Procedures)	Registry
23	Using preventive treatment for blood clots around the time of surgery.	Perioperative Care: Venous Thromboembolism (VTE) Prophylaxis (When Indicated in ALL Patients)	Registry
46.2	Comparing new and old medicines.	Medication Reconciliation	Registry
76	Hygienic insertion of a central line.	Prevention of Central Venous Catheter (CVC)-Related Bloodstream Infections	Registry
130	Recording current medicines.	Documentation of Current Medications in the Medical Record	Web Interface
145	Documenting radiation exposure time for procedures using fluoroscopy.	Radiology: Exposure Time Reported for Procedures Using Fluoroscopy	Registry
154	Screening older patients with a history of falls for their risk of falling.	Falls: Risk Assessment	Registry
155	Developing a plan of care for older patients who have a history of falling.	Falls: Plan of Care	Registry
193	Managing body temperature around the time of anesthesia.	Perioperative Temperature Management	Registry
238.2	Limiting high-risk medicine use in older adults.	Use of High-Risk Medications in the Elderly	Registry
318	Screening older patients' risk of falling.	Falls: Screening for Fall Risk	Web Interface

Care planning

PQRS measure number	Plain language measure title	Technical measure title	Reporting mechanism
47	Older patients who have an advanced care plan or someone to help make medical decisions for them when they can't.	Care Plan	Registry
358	Talking to patients before surgery about risks.	Patient-Centered Surgical Risk Assessment and Communication	Registry

Referral and follow up

PQRS measure number	Plain language measure title	Technical measure title	Reporting mechanism
265	Communicating biopsy results to patients and their primary care clinicians.	Biopsy Follow-Up	Registry

Diabetes

PQRS measure number	Plain language measure title	Technical measure title	Reporting mechanism
19	Communicating eye exam results to other clinicians for patients with vision loss due to diabetes.	Diabetic Retinopathy: Communication with the Physician Managing Ongoing Diabetes Care	Registry
117	Eye exam for patients with diabetes.	Diabetes: Eye Exam	Web Interface
119	Giving patients with diabetes a kidney exam.	Diabetes: Medical Attention for Nephropathy	Registry
126	Screening the foot and ankle for pain, weakness, and numbness in patients with diabetes.	Diabetes Mellitus: Diabetic Foot and Ankle Care, Peripheral Neuropathy – Neurological Evaluation	Registry
127	Checking the shoes of patients with diabetes.	Diabetes Mellitus: Diabetic Foot and Ankle Care, Ulcer Prevention – Evaluation of Footwear	Registry
163	Foot exam for patients with diabetes.	Diabetes: Foot Exam	Registry

Cancer

PQRS measure number	Plain language measure title	Technical measure title	Reporting mechanism
69	Treating multiple myeloma with medicine to help prevent bone loss.	Hematology: Multiple Myeloma: Treatment with Bisphosphonates	Registry
70	Performing flow cytometry studies for patients with chronic lymphocytic leukemia.	Hematology: Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia (CLL): Baseline Flow Cytometry	Registry
71	Using hormonal therapy in women with breast cancer.	Breast Cancer: Hormonal Therapy for Stage IC -IIIC Estrogen Receptor/Progesterone Receptor (ER/PR) Positive Breast Cancer	Registry
72	Using chemotherapy and other types of treatment for patients with stage 3 colon cancer.	Colon Cancer: Chemotherapy for AJCC Stage III Colon Cancer Patients	Registry
102	Avoiding overuse of bone scans for patients with low-risk prostate cancer.	Prostate Cancer: Avoidance of Overuse of Bone Scan for Staging Low Risk Prostate Cancer Patients	Registry
137	Following-up with patients with melanoma skin cancer.	Melanoma: Continuity of Care – Recall System	Registry
138	Coordination of care for patients with melanoma.	Melanoma: Coordination of Care	Registry
143	Measuring pain in patients receiving chemotherapy or radiation therapy.	Oncology: Medical and Radiation – Pain Intensity Quantified	Registry
144	Developing a plan to control pain for patients getting cancer treatment.	Oncology: Medical and Radiation – Plan of Care for Pain	Registry
147	Reviewing images for patients undergoing nuclear medicine bone scans.	Nuclear Medicine: Correlation with Existing Imaging Studies for All Patients Undergoing Bone Scintigraphy	Registry
156	Documenting radiation dose limits in patients with pancreatic or lung cancer.	Oncology: Radiation Dose Limits to Normal Tissues	Registry
194	Documenting cancer stages for patients with cancer.	Oncology: Cancer Stage Documented	Registry
395	Documenting biopsies and cytology specimens for patients with lung cancer.	Lung Cancer Reporting (Biopsy/Cytology Specimens)	Registry
397	Documenting ulcerations and tumor thickness of patients with skin cancer.	Melanoma Reporting	Registry

Heart disease

PQRS measure number	Plain language measure title	Technical measure title	Reporting mechanism
5	Giving ACE inhibitor or ARB blood pressure medicine to patients with heart failure and weak pumping function of the heart.	Heart Failure (HF): Angiotensin-Converting Enzyme (ACE) Inhibitor or Angiotensin Receptor Blocker (ARB) Therapy for Left Ventricular Systolic Dysfunction (LVSD)	Registry
6	Giving antiplatelet blood thinners to patients with heart disease.	Coronary Artery Disease (CAD): Antiplatelet Therapy	Registry
7.1	Giving beta-blocker blood pressure medicine to patients with heart disease and weak pumping function of the heart.	Coronary Artery Disease (CAD): Beta-Blocker Therapy – Prior Myocardial Infarction (MI) or Left Ventricular Systolic Dysfunction (LVEF < 40%)	Registry
7.2	Giving beta-blocker blood pressure medicine to patients with heart disease who previously had a heart attack.	Coronary Artery Disease (CAD): Beta-Blocker Therapy – Prior Myocardial Infarction (MI) or Left Ventricular Systolic Dysfunction (LVEF < 40%)	Registry
8	Giving beta-blocker blood pressure medicine to patients with heart failure and weak pumping function of the heart.	Heart Failure (HF): Beta-Blocker Therapy for Left Ventricular Systolic Dysfunction (LVSD)	Web Interface
44	Patients who got a beta-blocker before coronary artery bypass graft surgery.	Coronary Artery Bypass Graft (CABG): Preoperative Beta-Blocker in Patients with Isolated CABG Surgery	Registry
54	Performing electrocardiograms for emergency department patients with chest pain.	Emergency Medicine: 12-Lead Electrocardiogram (ECG) Performed for Non-Traumatic Chest Pain	Registry
118	Giving ACE inhibitor or ARB medicine to improve pumping function of the heart in patients who have both heart disease and certain other conditions.	Coronary Artery Disease (CAD): Angiotensin-Converting Enzyme (ACE) Inhibitor or Angiotensin Receptor Blocker (ARB) Therapy -- Diabetes or Left Ventricular Systolic Dysfunction (LVEF < 40%)	Web Interface
204	Giving blood thinners to patients with heart disease.	Ischemic Vascular Disease (IVD): Use of Aspirin or Another Antithrombotic	Web Interface
326	Giving anticoagulant blood thinners to patients with abnormal heart beats to prevent blood clots.	Atrial Fibrillation and Atrial Flutter: Chronic Anticoagulation Therapy	Registry

Kidney disease

PQRS measure number	Plain language measure title	Technical measure title	Reporting mechanism
121	Lipid profiles for patients with chronic kidney disease.	Adult Kidney Disease: Laboratory Testing (Lipid Profile)	Registry
122.3	Controlling blood pressure in patients with chronic kidney disease.	Adult Kidney Disease: Blood Pressure Management	Registry

Respiratory diseases

PQRS measure number	Plain language measure title	Technical measure title	Reporting mechanism
51	Spirometry evaluations in patients with COPD.	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD): Spirometry Evaluation	Registry
52	Giving recommended treatment to patients with COPD.	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD): Inhaled Bronchodilator Therapy	Registry
53.3	Giving long-term medicine to patients with chronic asthma.	Asthma: Pharmacologic Therapy for Persistent Asthma - Ambulatory Care Setting	Registry

Stroke

PQRS measure number	Plain language measure title	Technical measure title	Reporting mechanism
32	Giving blood thinners to patients who have a history of stroke and irregular heartbeat.	Stroke and Stroke Rehabilitation: Discharged on Antithrombotic Therapy	Registry
33	Giving anticoagulant blood thinners to patients who have a history of stroke and irregular heartbeat.	Stroke and Stroke Rehabilitation: Anticoagulant Therapy Prescribed for Atrial Fibrillation (AF) at Discharge	Registry
195	Accurate measurement of carotid artery narrowing.	Radiology: Stenosis Measurement in Carotid Imaging Reports	Registry

Behavioral health

PQRS measure number	Plain language measure title	Technical measure title	Reporting mechanism
134	Screening for depression and developing a follow-up plan.	Preventive Care and Screening: Screening for Clinical Depression and Follow-Up Plan	Web Interface
173	Screening for unhealthy alcohol use.	Preventive Care and Screening: Unhealthy Alcohol Use – Screening	Registry
226	Screening for tobacco use and providing help quitting when needed.	Preventive Care and Screening: Tobacco Use: Screening and Cessation Intervention	Web Interface
383	Appropriate long-term use of medicine in patients with schizophrenia.	Adherence to Antipsychotic Medications for Individuals with Schizophrenia	Registry
391.1	Follow-up appointment within a week after hospitalization due to a mental health condition.		
391.2	Follow-up appointment within a month after hospitalization due to a mental health condition.	Follow-up After Hospitalization for Mental Illness (FUH)	Registry

Ear and sinus care

PQRS measure number	Plain language measure title	Technical measure title	Reporting mechanism
93	Limiting antimicrobial medicine use in patients with ear infections.	Acute Otitis Externa (AOE): Systemic Antimicrobial Therapy – Avoidance of Inappropriate Use	Registry
261	Referring patients who are dizzy to a clinician who can give them an ear evaluation.	Referral for Otologic Evaluation for Patients with Acute or Chronic Dizziness	Registry
331	Appropriate use of antibiotics for patients with a sinus infection.	Adult Sinusitis: Antibiotic Prescribed for Acute Sinusitis (Appropriate Use)	Registry
332	Giving amoxicillin to patients with a sinus infection.	Adult Sinusitis: Appropriate Choice of Antibiotic: Amoxicillin Prescribed for Patients with Acute Bacterial Sinusitis (Appropriate Use)	Registry

Eye care

PQRS measure number	Plain language measure title	Technical measure title	Reporting mechanism
12	Optic nerve evaluations on patients with primary open-angle glaucoma.	Primary Open-Angle Glaucoma (POAG): Optic Nerve Evaluation	Registry
14	Dilated eye exams on patients with age-related macular degeneration.	Age-Related Macular Degeneration (AMD): Dilated Macular Examination	Registry
140	Counseling patients with age-related macular degeneration on taking an antioxidant.	Age-Related Macular Degeneration (AMD): Counseling on Antioxidant Supplement	Registry
141	Treating patients with primary open-angle glaucoma.	Primary Open-Angle Glaucoma (POAG): Reduction of Intraocular Pressure (IOP) by 15% OR Documentation of a Plan of Care	Registry
191	Improvement in visual clarity after cataract surgery.	Cataracts: 20/40 or Better Visual Acuity within 90 Days Following Cataract Surgery	Registry

Orthopedics

PQRS measure number	Plain language measure title	Technical measure title	Reporting mechanism
24	Osteoporosis care coordination for older women with hip, spine, or wrist fractures.	Osteoporosis: Communication with the Physician Managing On-going Care Post-Fracture of Hip, Spine or Distal Radius for Men and Women Aged 50 Years and Older	Registry
39	Screening for osteoporosis in older women.	Screening or Therapy for Osteoporosis for Women Aged 65 Years and Older	Registry
40	Giving patients who fracture their hip, spine, or wrist an X-ray or medicine that treats osteoporosis.	Osteoporosis: Management Following Fracture of Hip, Spine or Distal Radius for Men and Women Aged 50 Years and Older	Registry
41	Giving medicine to older patients who have osteoporosis.	Osteoporosis: Pharmacologic Therapy for Men and Women Aged 50 Years and Older	Registry
109	Checking functional and pain status in patients with osteoarthritis.	Osteoarthritis (OA): Function and Pain Assessment	Registry
182	Checking functional status and developing a follow up plan.	Functional Outcome Assessment	Registry

Immunology and communicable diseases			
PQRS measure number	Plain language measure title	Technical measure title	Reporting mechanism
178	Checking functional status of patients with rheumatoid arthritis.	Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA): Functional Status Assessment	Registry
337	Preventing tuberculosis in patients with weakened immune systems.	Tuberculosis Prevention for Psoriasis, Psoriatic Arthritis and Rheumatoid Arthritis Patients on a Biological Immune Response Modifier	Registry
400	Screening patients at risk for hepatitis C.	Hepatitis C: One-Time Screening for Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) for Patients at Risk	Registry

Patient survey scores		
	Plain language measure title	Technical measure title
321*	<p>CAHPS for PQRS summary survey measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Getting timely care, appointments, and information. • How well clinicians communicate. • Health promotion and education. • Patients' rating of doctors. • Courteous and helpful office staff. • Clinicians working together for your care. • Between visit communication. • Attention to patient medicine cost. 	<p>CAHPS for PQRS summary survey measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Getting timely care, appointments, and information. • How well health care professionals communicate. • Health promotion and education. • Patients' rating of doctors. • Courteous and helpful office staff. • Care coordination. • Between visit communication. • Stewardship of patient resources.

* Certified Survey Vendor; the CAHPS for PQRS measures are reported as top box scores on Physician Compare.

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