

▲ Measure #107: Major Depressive Disorder (MDD): Suicide Risk Assessment

2009 PQRI REPORTING OPTIONS: CLAIMS-BASED, REGISTRY

DESCRIPTION:

Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with a new diagnosis or recurrent episode of MDD who had a suicide risk assessment completed at each visit during the measurement period

INSTRUCTIONS:

This measure is to be reported at each visit for a new diagnosis or recurrent episode of MDD, for patients seen individually during the reporting period. This measure may be reported by clinicians who perform the quality actions described in the measure based on the services provided and the measure-specific denominator coding.

Measure Reporting via Claims:

Line-item ICD-9-CM diagnosis codes, CPT codes, and patient demographics are used to identify patients who are included in the measure's denominator. CPT Category II code(s) are used to report the numerator of the measure.

When reporting the measure via claims, submit the listed ICD-9-CM diagnosis codes, CPT codes, and the appropriate CPT Category II code(s) **OR** the CPT Category II code **with** the modifier. The reporting modifier allowed for this measure is: 8P- reason not otherwise specified. All measure-specific coding should be reported ON THE SAME CLAIM.

NUMERATOR:

Patients who had suicide risk assessment completed at each visit

Numerator Quality-Data Coding Options for Reporting Satisfactorily:
Suicide Risk Assessed

CPT II 3085F: Suicide risk assessed

OR

If patient is not eligible for this measure because MDD is in remission, report:

CPT II 3092F: Major depressive disorder, in remission

OR

Suicide Risk not Assessed, Reason not Specified

Append a reporting modifier (**8P**) to CPT Category II code **3085F** to report circumstances when the action described in the numerator is not performed and the reason is not otherwise specified.

3085F with 8P: Suicide risk not assessed, reason not otherwise specified

DENOMINATOR:

All patients aged 18 years and older with a new diagnosis or recurrent episode of MDD

Denominator Criteria (Eligible Cases):

Patients aged ≥ 18 years on date of encounter

AND

Diagnosis for MDD (line-item ICD-9-CM): 296.20, 296.21, 296.22, 296.23, 296.24, 296.30, 296.31, 296.32, 296.33, 296.34

AND

Patient encounter during the reporting period (CPT): 90801, 90802, 90804, 90805, 90806, 90807, 90808, 90809, 90810, 90811, 90812, 90813, 90814, 90815, 90845, 90862, 99201, 99202, 99203, 99204, 99205, 99212, 99213, 99214, 99215, 99241, 99242, 99243, 99244, 99245

RATIONALE:

Research has shown that patients with major depressive disorder are at a high risk for suicide, which makes this assessment an important aspect of care that should be assessed at each visit.

CLINICAL RECOMMENDATION STATEMENTS:

Successful treatment of patients with major depressive disorder is promoted by a thorough assessment of the patient. (APA; Level I Recommendation)

Psychiatric management consists of a broad array of interventions and activities that should be instituted by psychiatrists for all patients with major depressive disorder. (APA; Level I Recommendation)

The components of an evaluation for suicide risk should include:

- 1) An assessment of the presence of suicidal or homicidal ideation, intent, or plans
- 2) Access to means for suicide and the lethality of those means
- 3) Presence of psychotic symptoms, command hallucinations, or severe anxiety
- 4) Presence of alcohol or substance abuse
- 5) History of seriousness of previous attempts
- 6) Family history or recent exposure to suicide (APA)