



Complete Summary

TITLE

Adult diabetes: percentage of patients who received an influenza immunization during the recommended calendar period.

SOURCE(S)

National Diabetes Quality Improvement Alliance performance measurement set for adult diabetes. Chicago (IL): National Diabetes Quality Improvement Alliance; 2003 May 1. 11 p.

Brief Abstract

DESCRIPTION

This measure assesses the percentage of adult diabetes patients aged 18-75 years who received an influenza immunization during the recommended calendar period.

This measure is used for the purpose of quality improvement.

RATIONALE

Patients with diabetes are considered to be at increased risk for complications, hospitalization, and death from influenza and pneumococcal disease.

According to the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), immunization for influenza is strongly recommended for any person 6 months of age or older who, because of age or underlying medical condition, is at increased risk for complications of influenza.

American Diabetes Association (ADA) recommends an influenza vaccine for patients with diabetes, aged greater than or equal to 6 months, beginning each September.

PRIMARY CLINICAL COMPONENT

Diabetes mellitus; influenza immunization

DENOMINATOR DESCRIPTION

All patients diagnosed with diabetes aged 18-75 years

NUMERATOR DESCRIPTION

The number of patients from the denominator who received an influenza immunization during the recommended calendar period

Evidence Supporting the Measure

PRIMARY MEASURE DOMAIN

Process

SECONDARY MEASURE DOMAIN

Not applicable

EVIDENCE SUPPORTING THE MEASURE

A clinical practice guideline or other peer-reviewed synthesis of the clinical evidence

A formal consensus procedure involving experts in relevant clinical, methodological, and organizational sciences

One or more research studies published in a National Library of Medicine (NLM) indexed, peer-reviewed journal

NATIONAL GUIDELINE CLEARINGHOUSE LINK

- [The American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists medical guidelines for the management of diabetes mellitus: the AACE system of intensive diabetes self-management--2002 update.](#)
- [Using live, attenuated influenza vaccine for prevention and control of influenza: supplemental recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices \(ACIP\).](#)

Evidence Supporting Need for the Measure

NEED FOR THE MEASURE

Wide variation in quality for the performance measured

EVIDENCE SUPPORTING NEED FOR THE MEASURE

Bridges CB, Fukuda K, Cox NJ, Singleton JA. Prevention and control of influenza. Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). MMWR Recomm Rep 2001 Apr 20;50(RR-4):1-44. [265 references] [PubMed](#)

Immunization and the prevention of influenza and pneumococcal disease in people with diabetes. Diabetes Care 2002 Jan;25(Suppl 1):S117-9. [24 references]

State of Use of the Measure

STATE OF USE

Current routine use

CURRENT USE

Internal quality improvement
National health care quality reporting

Application of Measure in its Current Use

CARE SETTING

Ambulatory Care
Community Health Care
Managed Care Plans
Physician Group Practices/Clinics
Rural Health Care

PROFESSIONALS RESPONSIBLE FOR HEALTH CARE

Advanced Practice Nurses
Physician Assistants
Physicians

LOWEST LEVEL OF HEALTH CARE DELIVERY ADDRESSED

Individual Clinicians

TARGET POPULATION AGE

Age 18-75 years

TARGET POPULATION GENDER

Either male or female

STRATIFICATION BY VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

Unspecified

Characteristics of the Primary Clinical Component

INCIDENCE/PREVALENCE

- Total: 18.2 million people - 6.3% of the population - have diabetes
- Diagnosed: 13 million people

- Undiagnosed: 5.2 million people
- New cases diagnosed per year: 1.3 million
- About one third of these individuals do not know that they have the disease.

EVIDENCE FOR INCIDENCE/PREVALENCE

American Diabetes Association. Diabetes statistics. [internet]. Alexandria (VA): American Diabetes Association; [cited 2004 Jun 11]. [2 p].

National diabetes fact sheet: national estimates on diabetes. [internet]. Atlanta (GA): Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion; 2003 [updated 2003 Dec 04]; [cited 2004 Feb 01]. [8 p].

ASSOCIATION WITH VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

Unspecified

BURDEN OF ILLNESS

- Diabetes is the leading cause of end-stage renal disease, accounting for 43% of new cases. Adults with diabetes account for more than 60% of nontraumatic lower limb amputations and are also twice as likely to have heart disease than people without diabetes.
- Diabetes is the sixth leading cause of death listed on U.S. death certificates in 2000. This is based on the 69,301 death certificates in which diabetes was listed as the underlying cause of death. Altogether, diabetes contributed to 213,062 deaths.
- Complications from diabetes include heart disease, stroke, hypertension, retinopathy, end-stage renal disease, peripheral neuropathy, non-traumatic lower limb amputations, periodontal disease, pregnancy complications affecting mother and fetus, ketoacidosis, and coma.
- Patients with diabetes are considered to be at increased risk for complications, hospitalization, and death from influenza and pneumococcal disease.

EVIDENCE FOR BURDEN OF ILLNESS

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UTILIZATION

Unspecified

COSTS

- 2002 cost of diabetes in the United States: \$132 billion
- Direct medical costs: \$92 billion
- Indirect costs: \$40 billion (disability, work loss, premature mortality)

EVIDENCE FOR COSTS

American Diabetes Association. Diabetes statistics. [internet]. Alexandria (VA): American Diabetes Association; [cited 2004 Jun 11]. [2 p].

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Institute of Medicine National Healthcare Quality Report Categories

IOM CARE NEED

Living with Illness

IOM DOMAIN

Effectiveness

Data Collection for the Measure

CASE FINDING

Users of care only

DESCRIPTION OF CASE FINDING

All patients diagnosed with diabetes aged 18-75 years

DENOMINATOR SAMPLING FRAME

Patients associated with provider

DENOMINATOR (INDEX) EVENT

Clinical Condition

DENOMINATOR INCLUSIONS/EXCLUSIONS

Inclusions

All patients diagnosed with diabetes aged 18-75 years

Exclusions

Documentation of medical reason(s) for not receiving influenza immunization (e.g., allergy to eggs, drug interaction, contraindication)

Documentation of patient reason(s) for not receiving influenza immunization (e.g., economic, social, religious)

NUMERATOR INCLUSIONS/EXCLUSIONS

Inclusions

The number of patients from the denominator who received an influenza immunization during the recommended calendar period

Exclusions

None

DENOMINATOR TIME WINDOW

Time window follows index event

NUMERATOR TIME WINDOW

Fixed time period

DATA SOURCE

Administrative data

Medical record

Pharmacy data

LEVEL OF DETERMINATION OF QUALITY

Individual Case

PRE-EXISTING INSTRUMENT USED

None

Computation of the Measure

SCORING

Rate

INTERPRETATION OF SCORE

Better quality is associated with a higher score

ALLOWANCE FOR PATIENT FACTORS

Unspecified

STANDARD OF COMPARISON

Internal time comparison

Evaluation of Measure Properties

EXTENT OF MEASURE TESTING

Unspecified

Identifying Information

ORIGINAL TITLE

Percentage of patients who received an influenza immunization during the recommended calendar period.

MEASURE COLLECTION

[National Diabetes Quality Improvement Alliance Performance Measures](#)

MEASURE SET NAME

[National Diabetes Quality Improvement Alliance Performance Measurement Set for Adult Diabetes](#)

DEVELOPER

National Diabetes Quality Improvement Alliance

INCLUDED IN

National Healthcare Disparities Report (NHDR)
National Healthcare Quality Report (NHQR)

ADAPTATION

Measure was not adapted from another source.

RELEASE DATE

2003 May

MEASURE STATUS

This is the current release of the measure.

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MEASURE AVAILABILITY

The individual measure, "Percentage of Patients Who Received an Influenza Immunization During the Recommended Calendar Period," is published in the "National Diabetes Quality Improvement Alliance Performance Measurement Set for Adult Diabetes." This document is available in Portable Document Format (PDF) from the [National Diabetes Quality Improvement Alliance Web site](#).

NQMC STATUS

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