

The ACQA ‘starter set’: What measures are being proposed?

The Ambulatory Care Quality Alliance is now considering a “starter set” of between 15 and 20 performance measures. Once adopted, those measures could be used in the many pay-for-performance incentive programs already planned or in operation.

Here are several of the performance measures being considered:

Measure	Description
Breast cancer screening	Percentage of women who had a mammogram during the measurement year or the year before
Colorectal cancer screening	Percentage of adults who had appropriate screening
Tobacco use	Percentage of patients who were queried about tobacco use one or more times during the two-year measurement period
HbA1C management	Percentage of patients with one or more A1C test(s)
Lipid measurement	Percentage of patients with at least one LowDensity Lipoprotein cholesterol test or all component tests

Other measures being considered target asthma, depression, immunizations and congestive heart failure.