



Consensus Core Set: Gastroenterology

The Core Quality Measures Collaborative (CQMC) creates core measure sets (core sets) for use in value-based payment (VBP) programs and to drive improvement in high-priority areas. Payers can use the core sets to holistically assess quality or as a starting point to select measures to meet specific goals. The CQMC develops and maintains the core sets using a multistakeholder, consensus-based process and established [measure-selection principles](#). In the table below, the consensus-based entity (CBE) *Number/Specifications* column links to measure specifications and details, and the *Notes* column includes additional considerations for use.

Gastroenterology Measures

The CQMC core set measures focus on ambulatory care measures at the clinician reporting level. Eleven of the 12 measures in the Gastroenterology core set have been tested for reliability and validity at the clinician (individual and/or group/practice) reporting level.

Measure Topic	CBE Number/ Specifications	Measure	Steward	Level of Analysis	Notes
Endoscopy and Polyp Surveillance	2539/CMS Measures Inventory Tool (CMIT) 253	Facility 7-Day Risk-Standardized Hospital Visit Rate After Outpatient Colonoscopy	CMS	Facility	Spring 2024: Endorsed with Conditions When the measure returns for maintenance, the committee would like to see the submitter consider additional approaches for the reliability assessment that inform the reliability-validity (e.g., shrinkage) and reliability-usability (e.g., stability) tradeoffs Spring 2029: Next Maintenance Cycle
	0658/CMIT 71	Appropriate Follow-Up Interval for Normal Colonoscopy in Average Risk Patients	American Gastroenterological Association (AGA)	Clinician: Individual	Fall 2019: Endorsed Fall 2026: Next Maintenance Cycle
	0659/Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) 185	Colonoscopy Interval for Patients with a History of Adenomatous Polyps-Avoidance of Inappropriate Use	AGA	Clinician: Group/Practice, Clinician: Individual	Spring 2018: Endorsement Removed (withdrawn by developer) Aligned with the 2021 U.S. Multi-Society Task Force on Colorectal Cancer recommendations

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	MIPS 343/ CMIT 1097	Screening Colonoscopy Adenoma Detection Rate	American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ASGE)	Clinician: Group/Practice, Clinician: Individual	Never submitted for CBE endorsement During its 2022 review, the workgroup emphasized the importance of the measure, although it was retired from MIPS Programs utilizing this measure are not looking for 100% performance
	MIPS 439/ CMIT 39	Age Appropriate Screening Colonoscopy	AGA	Clinician: Group/Practice, Clinician: Individual	Never submitted for CBE endorsement Programs utilizing this measure are not looking for 100% performance
Hepatitis C	MIPS 401/ CMIT 319	Hepatitis C: Screening for Hepatocellular Carcinoma (HCC) in Patients with Cirrhosis	AGA	Clinician: Group/Practice, Clinician: Individual	Never submitted for CBE endorsement
	Clinical Quality Measure (CQM) Version: MIPS 400/ CMIT 476 Electronic Clinical Quality Measure (eCQM) Version: 3059e	One-Time Screening for Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) and Treatment Initiation	AGA	CQM Version: Clinician: Group/Practice eCQM Version: Clinician: Individual	CQM Version: Never submitted for CBE endorsement eCQM Version: Spring 2019: Approved for Trial Use Fall 2026: Next Maintenance Cycle
	N/A/CMIT 1433	Hepatitis C Virus (HCV): Sustained Virological Response (SVR)	AGA	Clinician: Group/Practice, Clinician: Individual	Never submitted for CBE endorsement
	MIPS 387/ CMIT 58	Annual Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) Screening for Patients who are Active Injection Drug Users	AGA	Clinician: Group/Practice, Clinician: Individual	Never submitted for CBE endorsement
Inflammatory Bowel Disease	MIPS 275/ CMIT 385	Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD): Assessment of Hepatitis B Virus (HBV) Status Before Initiating Anti-TNF (Tumor Necrosis Factor) Therapy	AGA	Clinician: Group/Practice, Clinician: Individual	Never submitted for CBE endorsement

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Other	CQM Version: 0028 eCQM Version: 0028e/ CMIT 596/ eCQM Specification	Preventive Care and Screening: Tobacco Use: Screening and Cessation Intervention*	National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA)	Clinician: Group/Practice, Clinician: Individual	CQM Version: Fall 2022: Endorsed Spring 2028: Next Maintenance Cycle eCQM Version: Fall 2019: Endorsement Removed Telehealth eligible for CMS programs in 2026
	CQM Version: 0034 eCQM Version: eCQM Specification/ CMIT 139	Colorectal Cancer Screening (COL)	NCQA	Health Plan, Integrated Delivery System, Clinician: Group/Practice, Clinician: Individual	CQM Version: Fall 2017: Endorsement Removed (Steward no longer seeking endorsement) eCQM Version: Never submitted for CBE endorsement Telehealth eligible for CMS programs in 2026

*This measure is a cross-cutting measure that may be highly relevant across multiple core sets.

Gap Areas for Future Consideration or Measure Development

- Quality of colonoscopy, including measures for post-colonoscopy complications (e.g., emergency department or hospital visit after a procedure, perforation, hemorrhage)
- Patient safety, including complications after procedures
- Medication management and adherence, especially for patients with IBD and patients on immunosuppressive medications
- Patient continuum of care and vulnerable points of information exchange
- Patient-reported outcome performance measures (PRO-PMs)
- Measures focused on specific diseases, including gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD), nonalcoholic fatty liver disease, celiac disease, cirrhosis, infectious hepatitis, chronic pancreatitis, and upper gastrointestinal infections
- Hepatitis A vaccination rates
- Screening for Clostridium difficile colitis
- Measures that address the correlation between smoking and Barrett's esophagus
- Resource utilization during acute episodes of care
- Measures that capture gaps in care or measure stratification to identify disparities (e.g., colorectal cancer screening and follow-up rates for groups less likely to receive care)
- Measures that will aid in alignment among the health care community in quality measurement
- Expansion of Hepatitis screening metrics
- Cirrhosis measures
- Barrett's esophagus surveillance measures

Core Set Updates for 2025

No changes to the core set.