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|  |  | Lipid Profile |  |  |
| 1 | lipsrch | Is there documentation in the record that the patient was enrolled in a clinical trial or research protocol that precludes access to the lipid profile?   1. yes 2. no 3. not applicable | \*1,2,95  **If dmflag = <>, auto-fill as 95**  If dmflag = 1, abstractor can enter 1 or 2, but cannot enter 95  **\*If 1, go to Diabetes Lab Tests** | Enrolled in a research protocol = as evidenced by a formal document in the medical record signed by the patient agreeing to participate in a clinical trial or research study.  Precluded access to the lipid profile = outcome of patient lipid profile is “blinded” to all individuals other than research staff. |
| 2 | lipidt | Enter the report date of the most recent lipid profile that included all components obtained during the past five years. | mm/dd/yyyy  **Abstractor can enter default 99/99/9999 if no full lipid profile is reported in the record**  **If lipidt <= 1year prior to stdybeg and < = stdyend, auto-fill ptnolipd as 95, and go to totldone**  **If lipidt > 1 yr prior to stdybeg or 99/99/9999, go to ptnolipd**  **If <>99/99/9999,**  **auto-fill totldone, hdldone, ldldone, and trigdone as 1**   |  | | --- | | < = 5 years prior or = stdybeg and < = stdyend | | A cholesterol level alone is not a lipid profile. Total cholesterol, triglycerides, HDL and LDL must be included in the lipid profile components. If the triglycerides are too high to report a valid LDL, consider that an LDL was done because the attempt was made to measure all lipid profile components**.**  The lipid profile is usually done as an outpatient; however, if the most recent profile was done as an inpatient and the patient had a principal diagnosis of AMI, the lipid profile must have been done within the first 24 hours after admission.  Day may be entered as 01, if exact date is unknown. At a minimum, the month and year must be entered accurately.  **If no lipid profile that included all components is reported in the medical record, enter 99/99/9999** |
| 3 | ptnolipd | Is there documentation by the provider that the patient refused a lipid profile within the past year?  1. Yes  2. No  95. Not applicable | 1,2,95  Will be auto-filled as 95 if lipidt within past year | In order to answer “1,” there must be documentation in the record by the provider that the patient refused to have a lipid profile test performed within the past year. |
| 4 | totldone | Was a total cholesterol in mg/dL or mg/100ml obtained during the past 5 years? | 1,2  If 2, auto-fill choldt as 99/99/9999, z-fill totalc, and go to hdldone   |  | | --- | | **Will be auto-filled as 1 if lipidt <> 99/99/9999** | | The question refers to a total cholesterol done during the past 5 years up to and including the study end date that may or may not have been part of a complete lipid profile. |
| 5 | choldt | Enter the date the most recent cholesterol value in mg/dL or mg/100ml was obtained. | mm/dd/yyyy  If totldone=2, will be auto-filled as 99/99/9999   |  | | --- | | < = 5 years prior or = stdybeg and < = stdyend | | Use the date of the laboratory report, not the date the sample was drawn. |
| 6 | totalc | Enter the most recent total cholesterol level. | \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ If totldone = 2, will be z-filled   |  | | --- | | Whole numbers only  Hard edit: Must be > 0 | | Value is generally reported as mg/dL and the normal range is usually less than 200mg/dL. The computer will z-fill the total cholesterol value if TOTLDONE = 2. If TOTLDONE = 1, the abstractor cannot z-fill the total cholesterol. |
| 7 | hdldone | Was an HDL value in mg/dL or mg/100ml obtained during the past 5 years? | 1,2  If 2, auto-fill hdldt as 99/99/9999, z-fill hdlval and go to trigdone   |  | | --- | | **Will be auto-filled as 1 if lipidt <> 99/99/9999** | | The question refers to an HDL done during the past 5 years up to and including the study end date that may or may not have been part of a complete lipid profile.  Value is generally reported as mg/dL and the normal findings are usually greater than 45 mg/dL in males or 55 mg/dL in females. |
| 8 | hdldt | Enter the date the most recent HDL value in mg/dL or mg/100ml was obtained. | mm/dd/yyyy  If hdldone=2, will be auto-filled as 99/99/9999   |  | | --- | | < = 5 years prior or = stdybeg and < = stdyend | | Use the date of the laboratory report, not the date the sample was drawn. |
| 9 | hdlval | Enter the most recent HDL cholesterol mg/dL value. | \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ If hdldone = 2, will be z-filled   |  | | --- | | Whole numbers only  Hard edit: Must be > 0 | | **Disregard any number to right of decimal (e.g., HDL reported as 25.4; enter 25).**  Value is generally reported as mg/dL and the normal findings are usually greater than 45 mg/dL in males or 55 mg/dL in females.  The computer will z-fill the HDL cholesterol value if HDLDONE = 2. If HDLDONE = 1, the abstractor cannot z-fill the HDL cholesterol value. |
| 10 | trigdone | Was a triglycerides value in mg/dL or mg/100ml obtained during the past 5 years? | 1,2  If 2, z-fill trivalue   |  | | --- | | **Will be auto-filled as 1 if lipidt <> 99/99/9999** | | The question refers to a triglycerides level done during the past 5 years up to and including the study end date that may or may not have been part of a complete lipid profile. |
| 11 | trivalue | Enter the most recent triglycerides mg/dL or mg/100ml value obtained. | \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ If trigdone = 2, will be z-filled   |  | | --- | | Whole numbers only  Hard edit: Must be > 0 | | Warning if > 900 | | Normal findings are usually values <180 mg/dl in females and <190 mg/dL in males.  The computer will z-fill the triglycerides value TRIGDONE = 2. If TRIGDONE = 1, the abstractor cannot z-fill triglycerides value. |

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| 12 | ldldone | Was an LDL obtained (or attempt to measure LDL)? | 1,2  **Will be auto-filled as 1 if lipidt <>99/99/9999**  **If 2, auto-fill ldldt as 99/99/9999, ldlcalc as 95, z-fill ldlclvl2, ldlatva as 95, and go to postldl** | **The question refers to an LDL-cholesterol done at any time that may or may not have been part of a complete lipid profile. A calculated or direct LDL is acceptable.**   * **If the triglycerides are too high to report a valid LDL, answer “1” because the attempt was made to measure LDL. Answer “3” to ldlcalc to clarify the reason a valid LDL could not be done.** * **If the triglycerides are too low to calculate a LDL value, the abstractor should check for a direct LDL. If direct LDL value is not found, answer “2”.** |
| 13 | ldldt | Enter the date the most recent LDL value in mg/dL or mg/100ml was obtained (or attempt to measure LDL). | mm/dd/yyyy  If ldldone=2, will be auto-filled as 99/99/9999   |  | | --- | | < = 5 years prior or = stdybeg and < = stdyend | | Use the date of the laboratory report, not the date the sample was drawn.  **If the most recent lipid profile or LDL test report does not contain a LDL value due to “triglycerides are too high to report a valid LDL-C,” enter the date of this report.**  Computer will auto-fill 99/99/9999 if LDLDONE = 2. Abstractor cannot enter 99/99/9999 default date if LDLDONE = 1. |
| 14 | ldlcalc | How was the LDL measured?   1. direct 2. calculated 3. triglycerides too high to obtain valid LDL 4. not applicable | 1,2,3,95  If ldldone = 2, will be auto-filled as 95  If 3, z-fill ldlclvl2, and go to ldlatva | LDL cholesterol is most commonly estimated from quantitative measurements of total and HDL-cholesterol and plasma triglycerides (TG) using the empirical relationship of Friedewald et al  If the most recent LDL lab report does not indicate direct or calculated, ask the Liaison to determine from the laboratory how LDL cholesterol measurement is obtained in this particular facility.  If the most recent lipid profile or LDL test does not report a LDL value due to “triglycerides are too high to report a valid LDL,” select “3.” |
| 15 | ldlclvl2 | Enter the LDL value in mg/dL or mg/100ml measured on this date. | \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ If ldldone = 2 or ldlcalc = 3, will be z-filled   |  | | --- | | Whole numbers only  Hard edit: Must be > 0 | | **If more than one LDL test result is documented on the most recent date a LDL was obtained, enter the lowest LDL result.**  **Disregard any number to right of decimal (e.g., LDL reported as 98.6; enter 98).**  Normal range is usually 60 – 130 mg/dL (although this varies depending on the way the LDL is calculated, if it is not a direct measurement.) |
| 16 | ldlatva | Was this LDL test obtained at the VA?  1. Yes  2. No or unable to determine  95. Not applicable | 1,2,95  Will be auto-filled as 95 if ldldone = 2  If 1 or 2 and ldlcalc = 3, go to prevldl,  If 1 or 2 and ldlcalc <> 3, go to postldl |  |
|  |  | **Previous LDL Test** |  |  |
| 17 | prevldl | During the timeframe from (computer to display date = stdybeg – 1 year) to (computer to display ldldt – 1 day), was a LDL in mg/dL or mg/100mg obtained?  **(Disregard any report that does not include an actual LDL value.)** | 1,2  If 2, auto=fill preldldt as 99/99/9999, prevaldl as zzz, preldlva as 95, and go to postldl | **The intent of the question is to determine if an actual LDL (calculated or direct) was obtained within the past year, but prior to the lipid report noting the LDL could not be calculated due to high triglycerides.**  **Disregard any report that does not include an actual LDL value.** |
| 18 | preldldt | Enter the date the most recent LDL value in mg/dL or mg/100ml was obtained. | mm/dd/yyyy  Will be auto-filled as 99/99/9999 if  prevldl = 2   |  | | --- | | < ldldt and < = 1 year prior to or = stdybeg | | Use the date of the laboratory report, not the date the sample was drawn. |
| 19 | prevaldl | Enter the LDL numeric value in mg/dL or mg/100ml measured on this date. | \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ Will be auto-filled as zzz if prevldl = 2   |  | | --- | | Whole numbers only  Hard edit: Must be > 0 | | Warning if > 400 | | **If there is more than one LDL test result documented on the most recent date a LDL was obtained, enter the lowest LDL result.**  **Disregard any number to right of decimal (e.g., LDL reported as 98.6; enter 98).**  Normal range is usually 60 – 130 mg/dL (although this varies depending on the way the LDL is calculated, if it is not a direct measurement.) |
| 20 | preldlva | Was this LDL test obtained at the VA?  1. Yes  2. No or unable to determine  95. Not applicable | 1,2,95  Will be auto-filled as 95 if prevldl = 2 |  |

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|  |  | **Post LDL Test** |  |  |
| 21 | postldl | After the study end date and up to the date the chart was opened for review, was a LDL test obtained?  **(Disregard any report that does not include an actual LDL value.)** | 1,2  If 2, auto-fill postldldt as 99/99/9999, postvaldl as zzz, postldlva as 95, and go to hba1cdne as applicable | **The intent of the question is to determine if an actual LDL (calculated or direct) that may or may not have been part of a complete lipid profile was obtained after the study end date and up to the date the chart was opened for review.**  **Review date is the first date is the chart is opened for review.**  If the only LDL report during this timeframe documents that the triglycerides were too high to calculate a LDL, enter “2.” |
| 22 | cpostldldt | Computer to enter the date POSTLDL question was answered. | mm/dd/yyyy   |  | | --- | | >= pulldt and <= revdte | |  |
| 23 | postldldt | Enter the date the first LDL value in mg/dL or mg/100ml was obtained after the study end date and up to the date the chart was opened for review. | mm/dd/yyyy  Will be auto-filled as 99/99/9999 if postldl= 2   |  | | --- | | > stdyend and <= revdte | | **If more than one LDL test result is documented after the study end date and up to the date the chart was first opened for review, enter the date of the first LDL test.**  Use the date of the laboratory report, not the date the sample was drawn. |
| 24 | postvaldl | Enter the LDL value in mg/dL or mg/100ml measured on this date. | \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ Will be auto-filled as zzz if postldl = 2   |  | | --- | | Whole numbers only  Hard edit: Must  be > 0 | | Warning if > 400 | | **If there is more than one LDL test result documented on the date the first LDL was obtained after the study end date, enter the lowest LDL result.**  **Disregard any number to right of decimal (e.g., LDL reported as 98.6; enter 98).**  Normal range is usually 60 – 130 mg/dL (although this varies depending on the way the LDL is calculated, if it is not a direct measurement.) |
| 25 | postldlva | Was this LDL test obtained at the VA?  1. Yes  2. No or unable to determine  95. Not applicable | 1,2,95  Will be auto-filled as 95 if postldl = 2 |  |
|  |  | Diabetes Lab Tests |  |  |
| **If DMFLAG = 1, go to hba1cdne; if DMFLAG <> 1, go to ldlstatn as applicable** | | | | |
| 26 | hba1cdne | Within the past year, was a hemoglobin A1c done? 1. Yes  2. No  98. Patient refused hemoglobin A1c test | 1,2,98  If 2 or 98, auto-fill hba1cdt as 99/99/9999 and hba1c as zz.z, hba1cva as 95, and go to posta1cdne | Glycohemoglobin or glycosolated hemoglobin is acceptable if conversion to A1c value has been made by the VAMC lab. If not, the abstractor must use the conversion table to calculate A1c.  In order to answer “98,” there must be documentation in the record by the provider that the patient refused to have a hemoglobin A1c test performed. |
| 27 | hba1cdt | Enter the date of the most recent HbA1c. | mm/dd/yyyy  If hba1cdne = 2 or 98, will be auto-filled as 99/99/9999   |  | | --- | | < = 1 year prior or = stdybeg and < = stdyend | | Day may be entered as 01, if exact date is unknown. At a minimum, the month and year must be entered accurately.  HBA1CDT will auto-fill as 99/99/9999 if hba1cdne = 2 or 98. Abstractor cannot enter 99/99/9999 default date if HBA1CDNE = 1. |
| 28 | hba1c | Enter the most recent hemoglobin A1c value. | \_ \_.\_%  If hba1cdne = 2, will be z-filled   |  | | --- | | Abstractor entry  > 0 (hard edit) and warning @ > 12 | | If HbA1c was ordered, but the resulting value cannot be found in laboratory reports or electronic database by abstractor or Liaison, return to question HBA1CDNE and answer “2.”  HBA1C will z-fill if hba1cdne = 2 or 98. Abstractor cannot z-fill if HBA1CDNE = 1. |
| 29 | hba1cva | Was the most recent HbA1c test obtained at the VA? 1. Yes  2. No or unable to determine  95. Not applicable | 1,2,95  Will be auto-filled as 95 if hba1cdne = 2 or 98 |  |
| 30 | posta1cdne | After the study end date and up to the date the chart was opened for review, was an HbA1c obtained?  1. Yes  2. No | 1,2  If 2, auto-fill posta1cdt as 99/99/9999, posta1c as zz.z, and posta1cva as 95, and go to protinyr | **The intent of the question is to determine if an HBA1c was obtained after the study end date and up to the date the chart was opened for review.**  **Review date is the first date is the chart is opened for review.** |
| 31 | posta1cdt | Enter the date of the HbA1c obtained after the study end date and up to the date the chart was opened for review | mm/dd/yyyy  If posta1cdne = 2, will be auto-filled as 99/99/9999   |  | | --- | | > stdyend and < = revdte | | **If more than one HbA1c test result is documented after the study end date and up to the date the chart was first opened for review, enter the date of the most recent HbA1c test.**  Use the date of the laboratory report, not the date the sample was drawn. |
| 32 | posta1c | Enter the most recent hemoglobin A1c value obtained after the study end date and up to the date the chart was opened for review. | \_ \_.\_%  If posta1cdne = 2, will be z-filled   |  | | --- | | Abstractor entry  > 0 (hard edit) and warning @ > 12 | | If HbA1c was ordered, but the resulting value cannot be found in laboratory reports or electronic database by abstractor or Liaison, return to question POSTA1CDNE and answer “2.”  POSTA1C will z-fill if posta1cdne = 2. Abstractor cannot z-fill if POSTA1CDNE = 1. |
| 33 | posta1cva | Was the HbA1c test on (display posta1cdt) obtained at the VA? 1. Yes  2. No or unable to determine  95. Not applicable | 1,2,95  Will be auto-filled as 95 if posta1cdne = 2 |  |
| 34 | protinyr | Within the past year, was a urinalysis for protein done? 1. Yes  2. No  98. Patient refused urinalysis test | 1,2,98  If 2 or 98, auto-fill urindt as 99/99/9999, macroalb as 95, oneplsdt as 99/99/9999 and go to microalbn | Methods of testing: dipstick for protein, quantitative urine protein testing, routine UA with protein reported, 24-hour urine for protein, urinalysis for macroalbumin/macroalbuminuria.  In order to answer “98,” there must be documentation in the record by the provider that the patient refused to have a urinalysis test performed. |
| 35 | urindt | Enter the date of the most recent urinalysis for urine protein. | mm/dd/yyyy  If protinyr = 2 or 98, will be auto-filled as 99/99/9999   |  | | --- | | < = 1 year prior or = stdybeg and < = stdyend | | Day may be entered as 01, if exact date is unknown. At a minimum, the month and year must be entered accurately.  PROTINYR = 2, URINDT will auto-fill as 99/99/9999. The abstractor cannot enter default date of 99/99/9999 if PROTINYR=1. |
| 36 | macroalb | Within the past year, was at least one urinalysis for protein found to be positive (1+ or greater for dipstick, or exceeding laboratory reference range)?  1. Yes 2. No   95. Not applicable | 1,2,95  If protinyr = 2 or 98, will be auto-filled as 95  If 2, auto-fill oneplsdt as 99/99/9999 | Positive = macroalbuminuria (protein in the urine)  Positive urine or urinalysis (random, spot, or timed) for protein  Dipstick results can range from trace to 4. Dipstick findings of 1+ or greater indicate protein in the urine. Use laboratory reference range for normal if dipstick is not used to test for protein.  Normal result is negative or qualitative=0 (0-0.1g24H)  Normal findings for urine protein: None or up to 8 mg/dl  Normal result for 24 hr urine for protein = < 150 mg/24 hr |
| 37 | oneplsdt | Enter the date of the urinalysis found to be 1+ or > by dipstick or exceeding lab reference range. | mm/dd/yyyy  If protinyr = 2 or 98 or macroalb = 2, will be auto-filled as 99/99/9999   |  | | --- | | < = 1 year prior or = stdybeg and < = stdyend | | Enter the exact date. The use of 01 to indicate missing day or month is not acceptable.  Dipstick results can range from trace to 4. Dipstick findings of 1+ or greater indicate protein in the urine. Use laboratory reference range for normal if dipstick is not used to test for protein. |
| 38 | microalbn | Was a urine test for microalbuminuria performed within the past year? 1. Yes  2. No  98. Patient refused microalbuminuria test | 1,2,98  If 2 or 98, auto-fill microdt as 99/99/9999 and micropos as 95 | The earliest clinical evidence of nephropathy is the appearance of low but abnormal levels (>=30 mg/day or 20 micrograms/minute) of albumin in the urine.  Synonyms/Inclusions: timed urine for microalbumin (e.g., 24-hr urine, overnight urine, or 4 -hr urine for microalbumin.), any spot urine for microalbumin, micral strip, reagent strip/dipstick for microalbumin, urine for microalbumin/creatinine ratio, 24–hour urine for total protein, random urine for protein (albumin)/creatinine ratio  In order to answer “98,” there must be documentation in the record by the provider that the patient refused to have a microalbuminuria test performed. |
| 39 | microdt | Enter the date of the most recent test for microalbuminuria performed within the past year. | mm/dd/yyyy  If microalbn = 2 or 98, will be auto-filled as 99/99/9999   |  | | --- | | < = 1 year prior or = stdybeg and < = stdyend | | Day may be entered as 01, if exact date is unknown. At a minimum, the month and year must be entered accurately. |
| 40 | micropos | Within the past year, was at least one test for microalbuminuria positive on a reagent strip/dipstick, or exceeding the laboratory reference range?  1. Yes 2. No 3. Not applicable | 1,2,95  If microalbn = 2, will be auto-filled as 95 | Microalbuminuria is present if urinary albumin excretion is 30-299 mg/24h (equivalent to 20-199 ug/min on timed specimen or a positive result on a reagent strip/dipstick.)  If the VAMC does not test for microalbuminuria by reagent strip/dipstick, use the laboratory reference range to determine whether microalbumin is present in the urine specimen (exceeds laboratory reference range.) |
| **If DMFLAG = 1 and age >= 18 and < = 75 and HBA1C > = 8%, go to oninsulin; else go to ldlstatn as applicable** | | | | |
|  |  | **Diabetes Medications** |  |  |
| 41 | oninsulin | On (display hba1cdt), the date entered for the most recent HbA1c, does the record document the patient was currently prescribed insulin?  1. Yes  2. No  3. Yes, insulin was currently prescribed AND there is documentation that patient was not taking insulin on the date of the most recent HbA1c.  98. Patient refused insulin | 1,2,3,98  If 1, go to ldlstatn as applicable, else if 2, 3, or 98, go to rxinsulin | If the patient was currently prescribed (taking) insulin on the date the most recent HbA1c was obtained, answer “1.”  If the patient was NOT currently prescribed insulin on the date the most recent HbA1c was obtained, but insulin was newly prescribed on the date the most recent HbA1c was obtained, enter “2.”  Only answer “3” if there is documentation on the date the most recent HbA1c was obtained that insulin was currently prescribed for the patient and that the patient was NOT taking insulin on the date the most recent HbA1c was obtained.  **Examples of insulin include, but are not limited to:**  insulin aspart (Novolog), insulin aspart protamine/insulin aspart (Novolog 70/30), insulin detemir (Letemir), insulin glargine (Lantus), insulin glulisine, insulin isophane human (Humulin), insulin isophane pork, insulin isophane-insulin regular, insulin lispro (Humalog), insulin lispro protamine/insulin lispro (Humalog Mix), insulin regular human, insulin regular pork, insulin zinc human, insulin zinc pork |
| 42 | rxinsulin | On (display hba1cdt) until (display hba1cdt +3 months), does the record document insulin was prescribed for the patient?  1. Yes  2. No  98. Patient refused insulin | 1,2,98 | **If 3 months after the date the most recent HbA1c was obtained has not elapsed and insulin was not prescribed for the patient at the time of review, answer “2.”**  **Examples of insulin include, but are not limited to:**  insulin aspart (Novolog), insulin aspart protamine/insulin aspart (Novolog 70/30), insulin detemir (Letemir), insulin glargine (Lantus), insulin glulisine, insulin isophane human (Humulin), insulin isophane pork, insulin isophane-insulin regular, insulin lispro (Humalog), insulin lispro protamine/insulin lispro (Humalog Mix), insulin regular human, insulin regular pork, insulin zinc human, insulin zinc pork |

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| 43 | poantidm | On (display hba1cdt), the date of the most recent HbA1c, was the patient currently prescribed (taking) any oral anti-diabetes medications?  1. Yes  2. No  3. Yes, oral anti-diabetes medication(s) was (were) currently prescribed AND there is documentation that patient was not taking at least one oral anti-diabetes medication on the date of the most recent HbA1c.  98. Patient refused ALL oral anti-diabetes medications | 1,2,3,98  If 2 or 98, go to addmrx, else go to idpodmrx | If the patient was currently prescribed (taking) any oral anti-diabetes medications on the date of the most recent HbA1c, answer “1.”  If the patient was not currently prescribed any oral anti-diabetes medications on the date of the most recent HbA1c, but an oral anti-diabetes medication was newly prescribed on that date, enter “2.”  Only answer “3” if there is documentation on the date the most recent HbA1c was obtained that oral anti-diabetes medication (s) was (were) currently prescribed for the patient and that the patient was NOT taking at least one oral anti-diabetes medication on the date the most recent HbA1c was obtained.  **Examples of oral anti-diabetes medications include, but are not limited to:**  **Alpha-glucosidase inhibitors:** acarbose (Precose), migiltol (Glyset)  **Meglitinides:** nateglinide (Starlix), repaglinide (Prandin)  **Sulfonylureas:** acetohexamide, chlorpropamide (Diabinase), glimepiride (Amaryl), glipizide (Glucotrol), glyburide (Micronase, Diabeta, Glynase), tolbutamide (Tolinase)  Thiazolidinedione : pioglitazone (Actos), rosiglitazone (Avandia)  **Biguanide:** metformin (Glucophage)  **Antidiabetic combination medications**: glimepiride/pioglitazone (Duetact), glimepiride/rosiglitazone (Avandaryl), glipizide/metformin, repaglinide/metformin (Prandamet), glyburide/metformin (Glucovance), metformin/pioglitazone  **Peptidase-4 inhibitor:** sitagliptin (Januvia), saxagliptin (Onglyza)  Suggested data sources: clinic notes, physician orders, medication refills |
| 44 | idpodmrx  podmdose  dmrxva | For each oral anti-diabetes medication the patient was prescribed (taking) on (hba1cdt), designate the name of the oral anti-diabetes medication, the daily dose of the anti-diabetes medication, and whether the anti-diabetes medication was obtained from the VA.  **Abstractor will select oral anti-diabetes medications from a drop down table.**   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **Name** | **Dose in mg/day**  \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_.\_\_ \_\_ \_\_  Abstractor can enter zzzz.zzz   |  | | --- | | Must be > 0 | | **Med obtained from VA**  1. Yes  2. No | |  |  |  | | | For anti-diabetes combination medications (e.g. glyburide 2.5mg/metformin 500mg), enter each medication separately.  The intent is to determine the daily dose of the anti-diabetes medication that the patient is taking. For example, physician noted, “metformin 500 mg bid.” Enter 1000 mg as the daily dose.  If dose is not documented, abstractor can enter zzzz.zzz. |

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|  |  | **Change/Add Anti-Diabetes Medication** |  |  |
| 45 | chgdmrx | On (display hba1cdt) until (display hba1cdt + 3 months), was a change made to the daily dose of an oral anti-diabetes medication(s)?  1. Yes  2. No | 1,2 | **Change the oral anti-diabetes medication daily dose =** includes increasing the dose, decreasing the dose, and discontinuation of an oral anti-diabetes medication.  **If 3 months after the date the most recent HbA1c was obtained has not elapsed and there has not been a change to an anti-diabetes medication at the time of review, answer “2.”**  **Examples of oral anti-diabetes medications include, but are not limited to:**  **Alpha-glucosidase inhibitors:** acarbose (Precose), migiltol (Glyset)  **Meglitinides:** nateglinide (Starlix), repaglinide (Prandin)  **Sulfonylureas:** acetohexamide, chlorpropamide (Diabinase), glimepiride (Amaryl), glipizide (Glucotrol), glyburide (Micronase, Diabeta, Glynase), tolbutamide (Tolinase)  Thiazolidinediones: pioglitazone (Actos), rosiglitazone (Avandia)  **Biguanide:** metformin (Glucophage)  **Antidiabetic combination medications**: glimepiride/pioglitazone (Duetact), glimepiride/rosiglitazone (Avandaryl), glipizide/metformin, repaglinide/metformin (Prandamet), glyburide/metformin (Glucovance), metformin/pioglitazone  **Peptidase-4 inhibitor:** sitagliptin (Januvia), saxagliptin (Onglyza) |
| 46 | addmrx | On display hba1cdt) until (display hba1cdt + 3 months), was a new oral anti-diabetes medication added?  1. Yes  2. No | 1,2  If 2 AND (poantidm = 2 or 98 or chgdmrx= 2), go to refnutr | **If 3 months after the date the most recent HbA1c was obtained has not elapsed and there has not been a change to an oral anti-diabetes medication at the time of review, answer “2.”**  **Examples of oral anti-diabetes medications include, but are not limited to:**  **Alpha-glucosidase inhibitors:** acarbose (Precose), migiltol (Glyset)  **Meglitinides:** nateglinide (Starlix), repaglinide (Prandin)  **Sulfonylureas:** acetohexamide, chlorpropamide (Diabinase), glimepiride (Amaryl), glipizide (Glucotrol), glyburide (Micronase, Diabeta, Glynase), tolbutamide (Tolinase)  Thiazolidinediones: pioglitazone (Actos), rosiglitazone (Avandia)  **Biguanide:** metformin (Glucophage)  **Antidiabetic combination medications**: glimepiride/pioglitazone (Duetact), glimepiride/rosiglitazone (Avandaryl), glipizide/metformin, repaglinide/metformin (Prandamet), glyburide/metformin (Glucovance), metformin/pioglitazone  **Peptidase-4 inhibitor:** sitagliptin (Januvia), saxagliptin (Onglyza) |

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| 47 | chgidmrx  chgdmdose  chgdmtype  chgdmdt  chgdmva | For each **change** or **addition** of an oral anti-diabetes medication that occurred on (display hba1cdt) until (display hba1cdt + 3 months), designate the name of the anti-diabetes medication, the daily dose of each anti-diabetes medication, type of change, the date the change/addition was made, and whether the anti-diabetes medication was obtained from the VA.  **Abstractor will select the anti-diabetes medication(s) from a drop down table.**   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **Name** | **Dose in mg/day**  **\_ \_ \_ \_.\_ \_ \_**  **Abstractor can enter zzzz.zzz** | **Type of change**  1.Increase dose  2. Decrease dose  3. Discontinue medication  4. Added medication   |  | | --- | | If 3, auto-fill chgdmva as 95 | | **Date Change Made**  mm/dd/yyyy   |  | | --- | | < = 3 months after hba1cdt or = hba1c1dt and <= revdte | | **Med obtained from VA**  1.Yes  2. No  95. Not applicable  Will be auto-filled as 95 if  chgdmtype = 3 | |  |  |  |  |  | | | | For anti-diabetes combination medications (e.g. glyburide 2.5mg/metformin 500mg), enter each medication separately.  The intent is to determine the daily dose of the anti-diabetes medication that the patient is taking. For example, physician noted, “metformin 500 mg bid.” Enter 1000 mg as the daily dose.  If dose is not documented, abstractor can enter zzzz.zzz.  If the anti-diabetes medication was discontinued, enter 0000.000 for dose.  If anti-diabetes medication dose is not documented, enter zzzz.zzz.  If the actual date of the change is not known (e.g. medication prescribed by non-VHA provider), enter the date the change was noted in clinic note. |
| 48 | refnutr | On (display hba1cdt) until (display hba1cdt +3 months, does the record document a nutrition/dietician referral?  1. Yes  2. No  3. No, patient was seen by nutritionist/dietician for management of diabetes during the 6 months prior to the most recent HbA1c  98. Patient refused nutrition/dietary referral | 1,2,3,98 | **The intent of the question is to determine if a nutritional consult or dietician referral was offered to the patient related to diabetes management on the day of during the 3 months after the most recent HbA1c. This would include referral to a weight loss clinic or for weight management. Documentation the patient is being seen by a dietician or will seek nutrition care outside the VHA is acceptable.**  Only select option “3” if the patient was seen by a nutritionist/dietician for the management of diabetes during the 6 months prior to the most recent HbA1c. | | |
| 49 | refdmed | On (display hba1cdt) until (display hba1cdt +3 months), does the record document a referral for management of diabetes?  1. Yes  2. No  3. No, patient was seen in diabetes clinic/program during the 6 months prior to the most recent HbA1c  98. Patient refused referral for diabetes management | 1,2,3,98 | **The intent of the question is to determine if a referral was offered to the patient to assist with the management of diabetes on the day of or during the 3 months after the most recent HbA1c.**  **Examples of referrals for management of diabetes include:**  Diabetes Clinic  Endocrinology  Nurse Managed Diabetes Clinic  Diabetes Education Program  Pharmacy Clinic for Diabetes  Only select option “3” if the patient was seen in a diabetes clinic/program during the 6 months prior to the most recent HbA1c. | | |
|  |  | **Lipid Medications on LDL Date** |  |  | | |
| **If age >= 18 and <= 75 AND [(SELMI, SELPCI, or SELCABG = -1) OR (VASCDIS1, VASCDIS2, VASCDIS3, VASCDIS5, VASCDIS6, or VACSDIS8 =**  **-1) OR (DMFLAG = 1)] AND (LDLCLVL2 or PRELDLDT is valid), go to LDLSTATN (the computer will display the date of the most recent valid LDL test [LSTLDLDT = LDLDT (if valid and LDLCLV2 = valid value) OR PRELDLDT (if valid and LDLCALC = 3)]; else go to ONHTNRX** | | | | | | |
| 50 | ldlstatn | On (display LSTLDLDT), the date entered for the most recent LDL value, does the record document the patient was currently prescribed (or taking) a statin medication?  1. Yes  2. No  3. Yes, a statin was currently prescribed AND there is documentation the patient was not taking the statin on the date the most recent LDL was obtained | 1,2,3  If 2, go to adnewsta | If the patient was currently prescribed (taking) a statin on the date the most recent LDL was obtained, answer “1.”  If the patient was NOT currently prescribed a statin on the date the most recent LDL was obtained, but a statin was newly prescribed on the date the most recent LDL-c was obtained, enter “2.”  Only answer “3” if there is documentation on the date the most recent LDL was obtained that a statin was currently prescribed for the patient and that the patient was NOT taking the statin on the date the most recent LDL was obtained.  **HMG-CoA Reductase Inhibitors (Statins):** atorvastatin calcium (Lipitor), fluvastatin sodium (Lescol), lovastatin (Mevacor) (Altocor), pravastatin sodium (Pravachol), rosuvastatin calcium (Crestor), simvastatin (Zocor), Pitavastatin (Livalo)  Suggested data sources: clinic notes, physician orders, medication refills | | |
| 51 | destatn | Designate the statin the patient was prescribed on the date the most recent LDL was obtained.  1. Atorvastatin  2. Fluvastatin  3. Lovastatin  4. Pravastatin  5. Rosuvastatin  6. Simvastatin  7. Pitavastatin  99. Unable to determine | 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,99  If 99, auto-fill statnhere as 95 | If the patient was currently prescribed a statin on the date the most recent LDL was obtained, designate the applicable statin.  If the patient is taking a combination medication (e.g. simvastatin/ezetimibe), select the statin component of the combination medication.  If the actual name of the statin is not documented (e.g. physician notes, “patient on statin”), and the name of the statin is not found elsewhere in the record, enter “99.”  **HMG-CoA Reductase Inhibitors (Statins):**, atorvastatin calcium (Lipitor), fluvastatin sodium (Lescol), lovastatin (Mevacor) (Altocor), pravastatin sodium (Pravachol), rosuvastatin calcium (Crestor), simvastatin (Zocor), Pitavastatin (Livalo) | | |
| 52 | statndos | Enter the daily dose of the statin medication in milligrams. | \_\_ \_\_. \_\_  **Abstractor can enter zz.z**   |  | | --- | | > = 2.5 and < = 80 | | The intent is to determine the daily dose of the statin that the patient was prescribed (taking). For example, physician noted, “simvastatin 80 mg take ½ tablet daily.” Enter 40 mg as the daily dose.  If the daily dose is > 80 mg/day, enter 80.  If dose is not documented, abstractor can enter zz.z. | | |
| 53 | statnhere | Does the record document the patient obtained the statin from the VA?  1. Yes  2. No or unable to determine  95. Not applicable | 1,2,95  Will be auto-filled as 95 if destatn = 99 | Check the pharmacy records to see if the prescription was filled by the VA. | | |

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|  |  | **Change Statin** |  |  |
| 54 | chgstatn | On (display LSTLDLDT) until (display LSTDLDT +30 days), was the daily dose of the statin medication changed?  1. Yes  2. No | 1,2  If 2, go to adnewsta | **Change the daily dose of the statin = includes increasing the dose, decreasing the dose, and discontinuation of the statin**.  If there was more than one change during the 30 days after the most recent LDL was obtained, enter the date of the first change.  If the 30 days after the date the most recent LDL was obtained has not elapsed and there has been no change at the time of review, answer “2.” |
| 55 | cstachgdt | Computer to enter the date CHGSTATN question was answered. | mm/dd/yyyy |  |
| 56 | chgstadt | Enter the date the first change to the daily statin dose was made. | mm/dd/yyyy   |  | | --- | | > = lstldldt and < = 30 days after lstldldt | | If there was more than one statin dose change during the 30 days after the most recent LDL was obtained, enter the date of the first change.  If the actual date of the change is not known (e.g. medication prescribed by non-VHA provider), enter the date the change was noted in clinic note. |
| 57 | chgstados | Enter the new daily dose of the statin medication in milligrams. | \_\_ \_\_. \_\_  Abstractor can enter zz.z  If 00.0, auto-fill chgstava as 95   |  | | --- | | > = 00.0 and <=80 | | The intent is to determine the new daily dose of the statin that the patient is taking. For example, physician noted, “simvastatin 80 mg take ½ tablet daily.” Enter 40 mg as the daily dose.  If the first change made to the statin dose was discontinuation of the statin, enter 00.0.  If the daily statin dose is greater than 80 mg, enter 80 mg.  If the dose is unable to be determined, enter default zz.z |
| 58 | chgstava | Does the record document the patient obtained this statin medication from the VA?  1. Yes  2. No  95. Not applicable | 1,2,95  Will be auto-filled as 95 if chgstados = 00.0 | Check the pharmacy records to see if the prescription was filled by the VA. |
|  |  | **Add New Statin** |  |  |
| 59 | adnewsta | On (display LSTLDLDT) until (display LSTDLDT +30 days), was a new statin medication added? | 1,2  If 2, go to allerstat | If a new statin medication was prescribed on the date of or during the 30 days after the most recent LDL was obtained, answer “1.”  If the 30 days after the date the most recent LDL was obtained has not elapsed and a statin was not newly prescribed at the time of review, answer “2.” |
| 60 | newstadt | Enter the date the new statin medication was prescribed. | mm/dd/yyyy   |  | | --- | | > = lstldldt and < = 30 days after lstldldt | | Enter the exact date. The use of 01 to indicate missing day or month is not acceptable.  If the actual date of the statin was newly prescribed is not known (e.g. medication prescribed by non-VHA provider), enter the date the change was noted in clinic note. |
| 61 | desnewsta | Designate the statin medication that was newly prescribed during the 30 days after the most recent LDL was obtained?  1. Atorvastatin  2. Fluvastatin  3. Lovastatin  4. Pravastatin  5. Rosuvastatin  6. Simvastatin  7. Pitavastatin  99. Unable to determine | 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,99  If 99, auto-fill newstava as 95 | If the patient is taking a combination medication (e.g. simvastatin/ezetimibe), select the statin component of the combination medication.  If the actual name of the statin is not documented (e.g. physician notes, “patient on statin”), and the name of the statin is not found elsewhere in the record, enter “99.”  **HMG-CoA Reductase Inhibitors (Statins):**, atorvastatin calcium (Lipitor), fluvastatin sodium (Lescol), lovastatin (Mevacor) (Altocor), pravastatin sodium (Pravachol), rosuvastatin calcium (Crestor), simvastatin (Zocor), Pitavastatin (Livalo) |
| 62 | newstados | Enter the new dose of the statin agent in milligrams. | \_\_ \_\_. \_\_  Abstractor can enter zz.z   |  | | --- | | > = 2.5 and <=80 | | The intent is to determine the daily dose of the statin that the patient is taking. For example, physician noted, “simvastatin 80 mg take ½ tablet daily.” Enter 40 mg as the daily dose.  If the new daily dose of the statin medication is greater than 80 mg, enter 80 mg.  If the dose is unable to be determined, enter default zz.z |
| 63 | newstava | Does the record document the patient obtained the new statin medication from the VA?  1. Yes  2. No or unable to determine  95. Not applicable | 1,2,95  Will be auto-filled as 95 if desnewsta = 99 | Check the pharmacy records to see if the prescription was filled by the VA. |
|  |  | **Statin Allergy** |  |  |
| 64 | allerstat | In the allergy box on the CPRS cover sheet, is there documentation of any allergy/adverse reaction or contraindication to any of the statins? | 1,2  If 2, go to clinadv | Documentation of an allergy, adverse reaction, intolerance, sensitivity, or contraindication to any statin agent (or statins) is sufficient to answer “1.”  For example, allergy box notes, “Severe myalgias with simvastatin,” answer “1.” |
| 65 | advstadt | Enter the date the earliest allergy/adverse reaction or contraindication to any statin was noted in the allergy package. | mm/dd/yyyy   |  | | --- | | < = 20 years prior to or = stdybeg and < = revdte | | Software will allow entry of date up to the date of review.  Enter the exact date. The use of 01 to indicate missing day or month is not acceptable. |
| 66 | clinadv | Does the NEXUS visit clinical note on (display NEXUSDT) document an allergy/adverse reaction or contraindication to any of the statins? | 1,2 | Documentation of an allergy, adverse reaction, intolerance, sensitivity, or contraindication to any statin agent (or statins) is sufficient to answer “1.” |
| 67 | refustat | At the most recent NEXUS clinic visit on (display NEXUSDT), does the record document the patient refused statin medications? | 1,2 |  |
|  |  | Non-Statin Medications |  |  |
| 68 | ldlnonsta | On (display LSTLDLDT), the date entered for the most recent LDL value, does the record document the patient was currently prescribed (or taking) a non-statin medication?  **Includes:**   * Nicotinic Acid * Bile Acid Sequestrants * Fibrates   1. Yes  2. No  3. Yes, a non-statin was currently prescribed AND there is documentation that the patient was not taking the statin on the date the most recent LDL was obtained | 1, 2, 3  If 2, go to adnonsta | If the patient was currently prescribed (taking) a non-statin medication on the date the most recent LDL was obtained, answer “1.”  If the patient was taking a combination medication (e.g. simvastatin/ezetimibe) that included a non-statin, answer “1.”  If the patient was not taking a non-statin on the date the most recent LDL was obtained, but a non-statin was newly prescribed on the date the most recent LDL was obtained, enter “2.”  Only answer “3” if there is documentation on the date the most recent LDL was obtained that a non-statin was currently prescribed for the patient and that the patient was NOT taking the non-statin on the date the most recent LDL was obtained.  Suggested data sources: clinic notes, physician orders, medication refills  **Non-statin Lipid-lowering Medications**  **Nicotinic Acid:** niacin extended release tablets (Niaspan), Crystalline niacin, sustained or timed release niacin  **Bile Acid Sequestrants**: colestipol hydrochloride (Colestid), colesevelam hydrochloride (Welchol), cholestyramine (Questran) (Locholest)  **Fibrates**: clofibrate (Atromid-S) (Abitrate), gemfibrozil (Lopid) (Gemcor), fenofibrate (Tricor) (Lofibra) |
| 69 | nonstava | Does the record document the patient obtained at least one non-statin medication from the VA?  1. Yes  2. No | 1,2 | Check the pharmacy records to see if the prescription was filled by the VA.  **Non-statin Lipid-lowering Medications**  **Nicotinic Acid:** niacin extended release tablets (Niaspan), Crystalline niacin, sustained or timed release niacin  **Bile Acid Sequestrants**: colestipol hydrochloride (Colestid), colesevelam hydrochloride (Welchol), cholestyramine (Questran) (Locholest)  **Fibrates**: clofibrate (Atromid-S) (Abitrate), gemfibrozil (Lopid) (Gemcor), fenofibrate (Tricor) (Lofibra) |
|  |  | **Add Non-Statin** |  |  |
| 70 | adnonsta | On (display LSTLDLDT) until (display LSTDLDT +30 days), were any new non-statin medications added?  **Includes:**   * Nicotinic Acid * Bile Acid Sequestrants * Fibrates   1. Yes  2. No | 1,2  If 2, go to vststan as applicable | If a new non-statin medication was prescribed on the date of or during the 30 days after the most recent LDL was obtained, answer “1.”  If the 30 days has not elapsed and a non-statin medication was not newly prescribed at the time of your review or a new non-statin was prescribed after the review date, answer “2.”  **Non-statin Lipid-lowering Medications**  **Nicotinic Acid:** niacin extended release tablets (Niaspan), Crystalline niacin, sustained or timed release niacin  **Bile Acid Sequestrants**: colestipol hydrochloride (Colestid), colesevelam hydrochloride (Welchol), cholestyramine (Questran) (Locholest)  **Fibrates**: clofibrate (Atromid-S) (Abitrate), gemfibrozil (Lopid) (Gemcor), fenofibrate (Tricor) (Lofibra)  Suggested data sources: clinic notes, physician orders, medication refills |
| 71 | cnonstadt | Computer to enter the date the ADNONSTA question was answered. | mm/dd/yyyy |  |
| 72 | nonstadt | Enter the date the new non-statin medication was prescribed. | mm/dd/yyyy   |  | | --- | | < = 30 days after lstldldt or = lstldldt and < = revdte | | Enter the exact date. The use of 01 to indicate missing month or day is not acceptable.  If the actual date of the change is not known (e.g. medication prescribed by non-VHA provider), enter the date the change was noted in clinic note. |
| 73 | nonstava2 | Does the record document the patient obtained at least one newly prescribed non-statin medication from the VA?  1. Yes  2. No or unable to determine | 1,2 | Check the pharmacy records to see if the prescription was filled by the VA.  **Non-statin Lipid-lowering Medications**  **Nicotinic Acid:** niacin extended release tablets (Niaspan), Crystalline niacin, sustained or timed release niacin  **Bile Acid Sequestrants**: colestipol hydrochloride (Colestid), colesevelam hydrochloride (Welchol), cholestyramine (Questran) (Locholest)  **Fibrates**: clofibrate (Atromid-S) (Abitrate), gemfibrozil (Lopid) (Gemcor), fenofibrate (Tricor) (Lofibra) |

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| **If WICHNXUS = 303,305,306,309,310/323, 312, 322, 323, 323/531,348, or 350 AND LSTLDLT <> NEXUSDT, go to VSTSTATN, else go to ONHTNRX** | | | | |
|  |  | Statin at NEXUS visit |  |  |
| 74 | vststatn | On (display NEXUSDT), the date of the most recent NEXUS clinic visit, does the record document patient was currently prescribed (or taking) a statin medication?  1. Yes  2. No  3. Yes, a statin was currently prescribed AND there is documentation that patient was not taking the statin on the date of the most recent NEXUS clinic visit | 1,2,3  If 2, go to vstadsta | If the patient was currently prescribed (taking) a statin on the date of the most recent NEXUS clinic visit, answer “1.”  If the patient was not currently prescribed a statin on the date of the most recent NEXUS clinic visit, but a statin was newly prescribed on the date of the most recent NEXUS clinic visit, enter “2.”  Only answer “3” if there is documentation on the date the most recent LDL was obtained that a statin was currently prescribed for the patient and that the patient was NOT taking the statin on the date of the most recent NEXUS clinic visit.  **HMG-CoA Reductase Inhibitors (Statins):** atorvastatin calcium (Lipitor), fluvastatin sodium (Lescol), lovastatin (Mevacor) (Altocor), pravastatin sodium (Pravachol), rosuvastatin calcium (Crestor), simvastatin (Zocor), Pitavastatin (Livalo)  Suggested data sources: clinic notes, physician orders, medication refills |
| 75 | devistat | Designate the statin the patient was taking on the date of the most recent NEXUS clinic visit.  1. Atorvastatin  2. Fluvastatin  3. Lovastatin  4. Pravastatin  5. Rosuvastatin  6. Simvastatin  7. Pitavastatin  99. Unable to determine | 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,99  If 99, auto-fill vistatva as 95   |  | | --- | | Cannot enter 99 with any other number | | Designate the statin the patient was taking on the date of the most recent NEXUS clinic visit.  If the patient is taking a combination medication (e.g. simvastatin/ezetimibe), select the statin component of the combination medication.  If the actual name of the statin is not documented (e.g. physician notes, “patient on statin”), and the name of the statin is not found elsewhere in the record, enter “99.”  **HMG-CoA Reductase Inhibitors (Statins):**, atorvastatin calcium (Lipitor), fluvastatin sodium (Lescol), lovastatin (Mevacor) (Altocor), pravastatin sodium (Pravachol), rosuvastatin calcium (Crestor), simvastatin (Zocor), Pitavastatin (Livalo) |
| 76 | vistatdos | Enter the daily dose of the statin agent in milligrams. | \_\_ \_\_. \_\_  **Abstractor can enter zz.z**   |  | | --- | | > = 2.5 and <=80 | | The intent is to determine the daily dose of the statin that the patient is taking. For example, physician noted, “simvastatin 80 mg take ½ tablet daily.” Enter 40 mg as the daily dose.  If the daily dose of the statin medication is greater than 80 mg, enter 80 mg.  If dose is not documented, abstractor can enter zz.z |
| 77 | vistatva | Does the record document the patient obtained the statin from the VA?  1. Yes  2. No or unable to determine  95. Not applicable | 1,2,95  Will be auto-filled as 95 if devistat = 99 | Check the pharmacy records to see if the prescription was filled by the VA. |
|  |  | **Change Statin (NEXUS)** |  |  |
| 78 | vischgsta | On (display NEXUSDT) or during the 30 days after the most recent NEXUS clinic visit, was the daily dose of the statin changed?  1. Yes  2. No | 1,2  If 2, go to vstadsta | Change the statin dose = includes increasing the dose, decreasing the dose, and discontinuation of the statin.  If 30 days after the date of the most recent NEXUS clinic visit has not elapsed and there has not been a change to the statin dose at the time of review, answer “2.” |
| 79 | cvstchgdt | Computer to enter the date VISCHGSTA question was answered. | mm/dd/yyyy |  |
| 80 | vstchgdt | Enter the date the first change to the statin dose was made on (display NEXUSDT) or during the 30 days after the most recent NEXUS clinic visit. | mm/dd/yyyy   |  | | --- | | < = 30 days after or = nexusdt and < = revdte | | If there was more than one statin dose change during the 30 days after the most recent LDL was obtained, enter the date of the first statin dose change.  If the actual date of the change is not known (e.g. medication prescribed by non-VHA provider), enter the date the change was noted in clinic note. |
| 81 | vstachdos | Enter the new daily dose of the statin agent in milligrams. | \_\_ \_\_.\_\_  Abstractor can enter zz.z  If 00.0, auto-fill vstdosva as 95   |  | | --- | | > = 00.0 and <=80 | | If the first change made to the statin dose was discontinuation of the statin, enter 00.0.  If the daily dose of the statin medication is greater than 80 mg, enter 80 mg.  If the dose is unable to be determined, enter default zz.z |
| 82 | vstdosva | Does the record document the patient obtained this statin medication from the VA?  1. Yes  2. No or unable to determine  95. Not applicable | 1,2,95  Will be auto-filled as 95 if vstachdos = 00.0 | Check the pharmacy records to see if the prescription was filled by the VA. |
|  |  | **Add New Statin** |  |  |
| 83 | vstadsta | On (display NEXUSDT) or during the 30 days after the most recent NEXUS clinic visit, was a new statin medication added? | 1,2  If 2, go to vstnonsta | If new statin medication was prescribed on the date of or during the 30 days after the most recent NEXUS clinic visit, answer “1.”  If 30 days after the date of the most recent NEXUS clinic visit has not elapsed and a statin medication was not newly prescribed at the time of review, answer “2.” |
| 84 | vstnewdt | Enter the date the new statin medication was prescribed. | mm/dd/yyyy   |  | | --- | | < = 30 days after or = nexusdt and < = revdte | | Enter the exact date. The use of 01 to indicate missing month or day is not acceptable.  If the actual date of the change is not known (e.g. medication prescribed by non-VHA provider), enter the date the change was noted in clinic note. |
| 85 | vstnusta | Designate the statin medication that was newly prescribed on (display NEXUSDT) or during the 30 days after the most recent NEXUS clinic visit?  1. Atorvastatin  2. Fluvastatin  3. Lovastatin  4. Pravastatin  5. Rosuvastatin  6. Simvastatin  7. Pitavastatin  99. Unable to determine | 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,99  If 99, auto-fill vstnustva as 95   |  | | --- | | Cannot enter 99 with any other number | | If the patient is taking a combination medication (e.g. simvastatin/ezetimibe), select the statin component of the combination medication.  If the actual name of the statin is not documented (e.g. physician notes, “outside pcp prescribed new statin”), and the name of the statin is not found elsewhere in the record, enter “99.”  **HMG-CoA Reductase Inhibitors (Statins):**, atorvastatin calcium (Lipitor), fluvastatin sodium (Lescol), lovastatin (Mevacor) (Altocor), pravastatin sodium (Pravachol), rosuvastatin calcium (Crestor), simvastatin (Zocor), Pitavastatin (Livalo) |
| 86 | vstadose | Enter the daily dose of the newly prescribed statin agent in milligrams. | \_\_ \_\_.\_\_  Abstractor can enter zz.z   |  | | --- | | > = 2.5 and <=80 | | If the daily dose of the statin medication is greater than 80 mg, enter 80 mg.  If the dose is unable to be determined, enter default zz.z |
| 87 | vstnustva | Does the record document the patient obtained the newly prescribed statin medication from the VA?  1. Yes  2. No or unable to determine  95. Not applicable | 1,2,95  Will be auto-filled as 95 if vstnusta = 99 | Check the pharmacy records to see if the prescription was filled by the VA. |
|  |  | **Non-Statin at NEXUS visit** |  |  |
| 88 | vstnonsta | On (display NEXUSDT), the date of the most recent NEXUS clinic visit, does the record document the patient was currently prescribed (taking) a non-statin medication?  Includes:   * Nicotinic Acid * Bile Acid Sequestrants * Fibrates   1. Yes  2. No  3. Yes, a non-statin was currently prescribed AND there is documentation that the patient was not taking the non-statin on the date of the most recent NEXUS clinic visit | 1,2,3  If 2, go to vstadnon | If the patient was currently prescribed (taking) a non-statin medication on the date of the most recent NEXUS clinic visit, answer “1.”  If the patient was currently prescribed (taking) a combination medication (e.g. simvastatin/ezetimibe) that included a non-statin, answer “1.”  If the patient was not taking a non-statin on the date of the most NEXUS clinic visit, but a non-statin was newly prescribed on the date of the most recent NEXUS clinic visit, enter “2.”  Only answer “3” if there is documentation on the date the most recent LDL was obtained that a non-statin was currently prescribed for the patient and that the patient was NOT taking the non-statin on the date of the most recent NEXUS clinic visit.  Suggested data sources: clinic notes, physician orders, medication refills  **Non-statin Lipid-lowering Medications**  **Nicotinic Acid:** niacin extended release tablets (Niaspan), Crystalline niacin, sustained or timed release niacin  **Bile Acid Sequestrants:** colestipol hydrochloride (Colestid), colesevelam hydrochloride (Welchol), cholestyramine (Questran) (Locholest)  **Fibrates:** clofibrate (Atromid-S) (Abitrate), gemfibrozil (Lopid) (Gemcor), fenofibrate (Tricor) (Lofibra) |
| 89 | vstnonva | Does the record document the patient obtained at least one non-statin medication from the VA?  1. Yes  2. No | 1,2 | Check the pharmacy records to see if the prescription was filled by the VA.  **Non-statin Lipid-lowering Medications**  **Nicotinic Acid:** niacin extended release tablets (Niaspan), Crystalline niacin, sustained or timed release niacin  **Bile Acid Sequestrants:** colestipol hydrochloride (Colestid), colesevelam hydrochloride (Welchol), cholestyramine (Questran) (Locholest)  **Fibrates:** clofibrate (Atromid-S) (Abitrate), gemfibrozil (Lopid) (Gemcor), fenofibrate (Tricor) (Lofibra) |
|  |  | **Add Non-statin NEXUS visit** |  |  |
| 90 | vstadnon | On (display NEXUSDT) or during the 30 days after the most recent NEXUS clinic visit, was a new non-statin medication added?   * Nicotinic Acid * Bile Acid Sequestrants * Fibrates   1. Yes  2. No | 1,2  If 2, go to onhtnrx as applicable | If the physician/APN/PA prescribed a new non-statin medication on the date of or during the 30 days after the most recent NEXUS clinic visit, answer “1.”  If 30 days after the date of the most recent NEXUS clinic visit has not elapsed and a non-statin medication was not newly prescribed at the time of review, answer “2.”  **Non-statin Lipid-lowering Medications**  **Nicotinic Acid:** niacin extended release tablets (Niaspan), Crystalline niacin, sustained or timed release niacin  **Bile Acid Sequestrants:** colestipol hydrochloride (Colestid), colesevelam hydrochloride (Welchol), cholestyramine (Questran) (Locholest)  **Fibrates:** clofibrate (Atromid-S) (Abitrate), gemfibrozil (Lopid) (Gemcor), fenofibrate (Tricor) (Lofibra) |
| 91 | cvstnondt | Computer to enter the date the VSTADNON question was answered. | mm/dd/yyyy |  |
| 92 | vstnondt | Enter the date the new non-statin medication was prescribed on (display NEXUSDT) or during the 30 days after the most recent NEXUS clinic visit. | mm/dd/yyyy   |  | | --- | | < = 30 days after or = nexusdt and < = revdte | | Enter the exact date. The use of 01 to indicate missing month or day is not acceptable.  If the actual date of the change is not known (e.g. medication prescribed by non-VHA provider), enter the date the change was noted in clinic note. |

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| 93 | nunonva | Does the record document the patient obtained at least one newly prescribed non-statin medication from the VA?  1. Yes  2. No or unable to determine | 1,2 | Check the pharmacy records to see if the prescription was filled by the VA.  **Non-statin Lipid-lowering Medications**  **Nicotinic Acid:** niacin extended release tablets (Niaspan), Crystalline niacin, sustained or timed release niacin  **Bile Acid Sequestrants:** colestipol hydrochloride (Colestid), colesevelam hydrochloride (Welchol), cholestyramine (Questran) (Locholest)  **Fibrates:** clofibrate (Atromid-S) (Abitrate), gemfibrozil (Lopid) (Gemcor), fenofibrate (Tricor) (Lofibra) |
| **If selhtn = -1 or DMFLAG = 1, go to onhtnrx; else go to onasa as applicable** | | | | |
|  |  | **Blood Pressure Medications** |  |  |
| 94 | onhtnrx | Within the three-month period prior to the last day of the study interval, was the patient on any of the medications listed in Table A?   1. Yes 2. No    1. Patient refusal of all anti-hypertensive medication documented by physician/APN/PA or pharmacist | 1,2, 98 | On anti-hypertensive medication: anti-hypertensive medication is listed among the patient’s medications recorded at any encounter within the three-month time period or is entered in the pharmacy package. It is not necessary to know whether the patient is compliant with the medication regimen.  **If the patient did not have a VHA encounter within the time period, but was on an anti-hypertensive drug prior to this period, assume the medication was continued.** |
| **If WICHNXUS = 303,305,306,309,310/323, 312, 322, 323, 323/531,348, or 350 AND BP1DT <> 99/99/9999 AND SEEHTNPT = 1, go to VSTBPRX, else go to ONASA** | | | | |

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|  |  | **BP medications on BP date** |  |  |
| 95 | vstbprx | On (display BP1DT), the date of the most recent outpatient BP, was the patient currently prescribed (taking) any anti-hypertensive medications listed in Table A?  1. Yes  2. No  3. Yes, antihypertensive medication(s) was (were) currently prescribed AND there is documentation that patient was not taking at least one antihypertensive(s) the date of the most recent outpatient BP. | 1,2,3  If 2, go to chgbprx, else go to vstidbprx   |  | | --- | | Warning if 2 and onhtnrx = 1 | | If the patient was currently prescribed (taking) any anti-hypertensive medications on the date the most recent outpatient BP was recorded (BP entered in VHABPS/VHABPD), answer “1.”  If the patient was not currently prescribed any anti-hypertensive medications on the date the most recent outpatient BP was recorded, but an anti-hypertensive medication was newly prescribed on that date, enter “2.”  Only answer “3” if there is documentation on the date the most recent outpatient BP was recorded that an anti-hypertensive medication (s) was (were) currently prescribed for the patient and that the patient was NOT taking at least one anti-hypertensive medication on the date of the most recent NEXUS clinic visit.  Suggested data sources: clinic notes, physician orders, medication refills |

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| 96 | vstidbprx  vstbpdose  vstbpva | For each anti-hypertensive medication the patient was prescribed (taking) on (BP1DT), designate the name of the anti-hypertensive medication, the daily dose of the anti-hypertensive medication, and whether the anti-hypertensive medication was obtained from the VA.  **Abstractor will select anti-hypertensive medications from a drop down table.**   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **Name** | **Dose in mg/day**  \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_.\_\_ \_\_ \_\_  Abstractor can enter zzzz.zzz   |  | | --- | | Must be > 0 | | **Med obtained from VA**  1. Yes  2. No | |  |  |  | | | For anti-hypertensive combination medications (e.g. lisinopril 10mg/hydrochlorothiazide 25 mg), enter each medication separately.  The intent is to determine the daily dose of the anti-hypertensive medication that the patient is taking. For example, physician noted, “metoprolol 50 mg bid.” Enter 100 mg as the daily dose.  Medication doses vary widely. For example, for a 0.2 mg Clonidine patch, enter 0.2 mg as the daily dose.  If dose is not documented, abstractor can enter zzzz.zzz. |
|  |  | **Change/Add BP Medication** |  |  |
| 97 | chgbprx | On (display BP1DT) or during the 30 days after the most recent outpatient BP was documented, was a change made to the daily dose of an anti-hypertensive medication(s)?  1. Yes  2. No | 1,2 | **Change the anti-hypertensive medication daily dose = includes increasing the dose, decreasing the dose, and discontinuation of an anti-hypertensive medication**.  If 30 days after the date the most recent outpatient BP was documented has not elapsed and there has not been a change to an anti-hypertensive medication at the time of review, answer “2.” |
| 98 | cvchgbpdt | Computer to enter the date CHGBPRX question was answered. | mm/dd/yyyy |  |
| 99 | addbprx | On (display BP1DT) or during the 30 days after the most recent outpatient BP was documented, was a new anti-hypertensive medication added?  1. Yes  2. No | 1,2  **If 2 and chgbprx = 2, go to onasa as applicable** | If 30 days after the date the most recent outpatient BP was documented has not elapsed and an anti-hypertensive medication was not newly prescribed at the time of review, answer “2.” |
| 100 | cvadbpdt | Computer to enter the date ADDBPRX question was answered. | mm/dd/yyyy |  |

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| 101 | chgidbprx  chgbpdose  chgbptype  chgbpdt  chgbpva | For each **change** or **addition** of an anti-hypertensive medication that occurred on (display BP1DT) or during the 30 days after the most recent outpatient BP was documented, designate the name of the anti-hypertensive medication, the daily dose of each anti-hypertensive medication, type of change, the date the change/addition was made, and whether the anti-hypertensive medication was obtained from the VA.  **Abstractor will select the anti-hypertensive medication(s) from a drop down table.**   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **Name** | **Dose in mg/day**  **\_ \_ \_ \_.\_ \_ \_**  **Abstractor can enter zzzz.zzz** | **Type of change**  1.Increase dose  2. Decrease dose  3. Discontinue medication  4. Added medication   |  | | --- | | If 3, auto-fill chgbpva as 95 | | **Date Change Made**  mm/dd/yyyy   |  | | --- | | < = 30 days after bp1dt or = bp1dt and <= revdte | | **Med obtained from VA**  1.Yes  2. No  95. Not applicable  Will be auto-filled as 95 if  chgbptype = 3 | |  |  |  |  |  | | For anti-hypertensive combination medications (e.g. lisinopril 10mg/hydrochlorothiazide 25 mg), enter each medication separately.  The intent is to determine the daily dose of the anti-hypertensive medication that the patient is taking. For example, physician noted, “metoprolol 50 mg bid.” Enter 100 mg as the daily dose.  Medication doses vary widely. For example, for a 0.2 mg Clonidine patch, enter 0.2 mg as the daily dose.  If the anti-hypertensive medication was discontinued, enter 0000.000 for dose.  If anti-hypertensive medication dose is not documented, enter zzzz.zzz.  If the actual date of the change is not known (e.g. medication prescribed by non-VHA provider), enter the date the change was noted in clinic note. |

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| **If selmi = -1, or DMFLAG = 1, or selpci = -1, or selcabg = -1, or selchf = -1, go to onasa; otherwise go out of Shared Module** | | | | |
|  |  | Outpatient Medications |  |  |
| 102 | onasa | At the most recent outpatient visit, was aspirin included in the patient’s current medications?   1. yes 2. no | 1,2  If 1, auto-fill notasa as 95, and go to betablkr | ASA was listed as one of the medications the patient is taking routinely or aspirin was prescribed at this visit.  If it is noted in the paper or electronic record at least once within the past six months that the patient is taking aspirin, this is acceptable documentation of “aspirin at the most recent outpatient visit.” “Within the past six months” = from the first day of the study interval to the first day of the month six months previously. (Example: first day of study interval is 1/01/08. Within the past six months is from 7/1/07 – 1/01/08.). If patient was on clopidogrel (Plavix) or ticlopidine hydrochloride (Ticlid), option “97” should be used to answer question “notasa.” |
| 103 | notasa | Does the record document any of the following reasons for not prescribing aspirin?   1. Aspirin allergy   3. Taking warfarin/Coumadin  95. Not applicable   1. Other reason documented by a physician/APN/ PA or pharmacist 2. Patient refusal of aspirin documented by physician/APN/PA or pharmacist   99. No documented reason | 1,3,95,97,98,99  Will be auto-filled as 95 if onasa = 1 | When there is documentation of an aspirin “allergy” or “sensitivity,” regard this as documentation of aspirin allergy regardless of what type of reaction might be noted. This rule is also applicable to medications that contain aspirin.  **If warfarin (Coumadin) is listed in patient medications, the contraindication is met. If patient is on clopidogrel (Plavix) or ticlopidine hydrochloride (Ticlid), enter response #97 if one of these drugs is listed among the patient’s medications.** Other reason(s) documented by physician, APN, PA, or pharmacist must be explicitly documented or clearly implied (Examples: “Chronic hepatitis – no ASA.” “May start ASA after GI bleed resolves.”) If reasons are not mentioned in the context of aspirin, do not make inferences, e.g., Do not assume that aspirin is not prescribed because of history of PUD. |
| 104 | betablkr | At the most recent outpatient visit, was a beta-blocker included in the patient’s current medications?   1. yes 2. no | 1,2 If 1, auto-fill  nobetab as 95  If 2, auto-fill wichbeta as 95 | **“Included in the patient’s current medications” = a beta-blocker was listed as one of the medications the patient is taking routinely or a beta-blocker was prescribed at this visit**  If the most recent outpatient visit was for a specialized examination or purpose, e.g., audiology, ophthalmology, podiatry, etc., in which current medications may not be referenced, look at one or more previous outpatient visits to determine the patient’s medication regime. |
| 105 | wichbeta | Designate the beta blocker the patient was taking at the time of the most recent outpatient visit:   1. metoprolol succinate (Toprol-XL) 2. metoprolol tartrate 3. bisoprolol (Zebeta or Ziac) 4. carvedilol (Coreg) 5. atenolol (Tenoretic or Tenormin) 6. acebutolol (Sectral) 7. sotalol (Betapace) 8. betaxolol (Kerlone) 9. carteolol (Cartrol) 10. nadolol (Corgard) 11. nadolol/bendroflumethiazide (Corzide) 12. propranolol (Inderal) 13. propranolol hydrochloride (Inderide) 14. labetalol (Normodyne or Trandate) 15. penbutolol sulfate (Levatol) 16. metoprolol/hydrochlorothiazide (Lopressor HCT ) 17. pindolol (Visken) 18. timolol (Timolide or Blocadren) 19. timolol/hydrochlorothiazide 20. other 21. not applicable | 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,  18,19,20,95  If betablkr = 2, will be auto-filled as 95 | Beta blocker generic names are not capitalized. Brand names are capitalized.  Enter the number corresponding to the generic name documented in the medical record.  **Question is applicable to the beta blocker being taken or prescribed at the time of the most recent visit. If the patient’s beta blocker medication was changed at the most recent visit, use the newly prescribed medication.**  Computer will auto-fill as 95 if BETABLKR = 2. |
| 106 | nobetab | Does the record document any of the following reasons for not prescribing a beta-blocker?   1. Beta-blocker allergy 2. Bradycardia (heart rate less than 60 bpm) while not on a beta blocker 3. Second or third degree heart block on ECG and does not have a pacemaker   9. Post-heart transplant patient  10. Documentation of severely decompensated  heart failure  95. Not applicable   1. Other reasons documented by a physician/APN/ PA or pharmacist for not prescribing a beta- blocker 2. Patient refusal of beta-blockers documented by physician/APN/PA or pharmacist   99. No documented reason | 1,2,3,9,10,95,97,98,99  Will be auto-filled as 95 of betablkr = 1 | **1. Beta-blocker (BB) allergy/sensitivity/intolerance:** documented **allergy/sensitivity/intolerance** counts regardless of type of reaction noted; allergy/sensitivity/intolerance to one BB is acceptable as allergy to all BBs. **EXCLUDE:** Allergy to BB eye drops (e.g., Cosopt).  **2. Bradycardia:** must be documented by a clinician as the reason for non-use of a beta-blocker; however if record states “patient’s heart rate is consistently less than 60 bpm,” this is acceptable.  **3. Second or third degree heart block:** Do not attempt to use the ECG tracing to answer this question. The ECG interpretation of second or third degree heart block must be documented in the record by a clinician or by electronic interpretation. Documentation of the ECG interpretation does not have to be linked specifically to contraindication to beta-blocker.  **10. Severely decompensated heart failure:** cardiac decompensation is marked by dyspnea, venous engorgement, and edema. Abstractor may not make this decision based on symptoms described in record. There must be specific diagnosis by a physician/APN/PA.  **97. Other reason(s) documented by a physician/APN/ PA or pharmacist:**   * Must explicitly link the noted reason with non-prescription of a beta-blocker.   **98.** **Patient refusal:** Documentation by a physician/APN/PA or pharmacist that the patient refused beta-blocker medications or refused all medications is acceptable. Documentation that the patient refused BP medications is NOT acceptable. |
| 107 | acerx | At the most recent outpatient visit, was an angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitor (ACEI) included in the patient’s current medications?   1. yes 2. no | 1,2  If 1, auto-fill aceinot as 95  If 2, auto-fill onacei as 95, and go to aceinot | “Included in the patient’s current medications” = patient was on this medication at the most recent outpatient visit or it was prescribed at the time of the visit. Question does not reference a new prescription. The patient can have been on an ACEI for many years.  **ACEI**: Angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitors; ACEIs may be described as RAS (renin-angiotensin system) or RAAS (renin-angiotensin-aldosterone system) blockers/inhibitors.Examples of ACEI include but are not limited to: quinapril/ Accupril; ramipril/Altace; captopril/Capoten; benazapril/Lotensin; fosinopril/Monopril; lisinopril/Prinivil; enalapril/Vasotec; moexipril/Univasc |
| 108 | onacei | Designate the ACE inhibitor the patient was on at the most recent visit:   1. enalapril 2. captopril 3. lisinopril 4. benazepril 5. fosinopril 6. quinapril 7. perindopril 8. moexipril 9. ramipril   10. trandolapril   * + 1. other     2. enalapril/hydrochlorothiazide  1. enalapril/diltiazem 2. enalapril/felodipine 3. captopril/hydrochlorothiazide 4. lisinopril/hydrochlorothiazide 5. benazepril/hydrochlorothiazide 6. benazepril/amlodipine 7. fosinopril/hydrochlorothiazide 8. quinapril/hydrochlorothiazide 9. moexipril/hydrochlorothiazide 10. trandolapril/verapamil   95. not applicable | 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,  19,20,21,22,95  If acerx = 2, will be auto-filled as 95 | Taking at the most recent visit = patient was on this medication at the most recent outpatient visit or it was prescribed at the time of the visit.  Question does not reference a new prescription. The patient can have been on an ACEI for many years.  The computer will auto-fill ONACEI as 95 if ACERX = 2. |
| 109 | aceinot | Does the record document any of the following reasons for not prescribing an ACEI?   1. ACEI allergy    1. Moderate or severe aortic stenosis   95. Not applicable   * + 1. Other reasons documented by a physician/APN/PA or pharmacist for not prescribing an ACEI     2. Patient refusal of ACE inhibitors documented by physician/APN/PA or pharmacist   99. No documented reason | 1,5,95,97,98,99  Will be auto-filled as 95 if acerx = 1 | Option Rules:  **1. ACEI allergy/sensitivity:** allergy/sensitivity documented regardless of type of reaction noted (e.g. “Allergies: ACEI – cough”); allergy/sensitivity to one ACEI is acceptable as an allergy to all ACEIs.  **5. Moderate or Severe Aortic Stenosis** (AS): Findings may be taken from diagnostic test reports. May be either current diagnosis or history of AS, without mention of repair, replacement, valvuloplasty, or commissurotomy.  **INCLUDE:** AS described as moderate, severe, 3+, 4+, critical or significant; degree of severity not specified; aortic valve area of less than 1.0 square cm; subaortic stenosis, moderate/severe, or degree of severity not specified  **EXCLUDE:** aortic insufficiency/regurgitation only; AS described as 1+ or 2+; AS using qualifiers: cannot exclude, cannot rule out, may have, may have had, may indicate, possible, suggestive of, suspect, or suspicious.  **97. Other reason(s) documented by a physician/APN/PA or pharmacist:**   * Must explicitly link the noted reason with non-prescription of an ACEI. * Should be considered implicit documentation for also not prescribing an ARB for the following five conditions **ONLY:** * Angioedema * Hyperkalemia * Hypotension * Renal artery stenosis * Worsening renal function/renal disease/dysfunction * **If the patient is on hydralazine and nitrates, and the record documents this drug therapy is a better option than ACEI or ARB for the patient, this documentation is acceptable as “other reason.”**   **98.** **Patient refusal:** Documentation by a physician/APN/PA or pharmacist that the patient refused ACEI medications or all medications is acceptable. Documentation that the patient refused BP medications is NOT acceptable. |
| 110 | arbrx | At the most recent outpatient visit, was an angiotensin II receptor antagonist (ARB or AIIRA) included in the patient’s current medications?   1. yes 2. no | 1,2  If 1, auto-fill contrarb as 95  If 2, auto-fill specarb as 95, and go to contrarb | **Included in the current medications = patient was on this medication at the most recent outpatient visit or it was prescribed at the time of the visit.**  **ARB**: Angiotensin receptor blockers or angiotensin II receptor antagonists (AIIRA); ARBs may be described as RAS (renin-angiotensin system) or RAAS (renin-angiotensin-aldosterone system) blockers/inhibitors  Examples of ARB (AIIRA) include but are not limited to: losartan/Cozaar; valsartan/Diovan; irbesartan/Avapro; candesartan/Atacand; telmisartan/Micardis;eprosartan/Teveten; olmesartan/Benicar |
| 111 | specarb | Specify the ARB:   1. Candesartan (Atacand) 2. Candesartan/hydrochlorothiazide (Atacand HCT) 3. Eprosartan (Teveten) 4. Eprosartan/hydrochlorothiazide (Teveten HCT) 5. Irbesartan (Avapro) 6. Irbesartan/hydrochlorothiazide (Avalide) 7. Losartan (Cozaar) 8. Losartan/hydrochlorothiazide (Hyzaar) 9. Olmesartan (Benicar) 10. Olmesartan/hydrochlorothiazide (Benicar HCT) 11. Tasosartan (Verdia) 12. Telmisartan (Micardis) 13. Telmisartan/hydrochlorothiazide (Micardis HCT) 14. Valsartan (Diovan) 15. Valsartan/hydrochlorothiazide (Diovan HCT) 16. Other 17. not applicable | 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11, 12,13,14,15,16,95  If arbrx = 2, will be auto-filled as 95 | ARB names are listed by the generic name, as documented in VHA medical records. The brand name is displayed in parentheses after the generic name.  The computer will auto-fill as 95 if ARBRX = 2. |
| 112 | contrarb | Does the record document any of the following reasons for not prescribing an ARB?  1. ARB (AIIRA) allergy or sensitivity  2. Moderate or severe aortic stenosis  95. Not applicable   * + - 1. Other reasons documented by a physician, APN, PA, or pharmacist for not prescribing an ARB       2. Patient refusal of ARBs documented by physician/APN/PA or pharmacist   99. No documented reason | 1,2,95,97,98,99  Will be auto-filled as 95 if arbrx = 1 | Option Rules:  1. ARB (AIIRA) allergy/sensitivity: documented **allergy** or **sensitivity** counts regardless of type of reaction noted (e.g. “Allergies: ARB–cough”); allergy/sensitivity to one ARB is acceptable as allergy to all ARBs.  **2. Moderate or Severe Aortic Stenosis (AS):** Findings may be taken from diagnostic test reports. May be either current diagnosis or history of AS, without mention of repair, replacement, valvuloplasty, or commissurotomy.  **INCLUDE:** AS described as moderate, severe, 3+, 4+, critical or significant; degree of severity not specified; aortic valve area of less than 1.0 square cm; subaortic stenosis, moderate/severe, or degree of severity not specified  **EXCLUDE:** aortic insufficiency/regurgitation only; AS described as 1+ or 2+; AS using qualifiers: cannot exclude, cannot rule out, may have, may have had, may indicate, possible, suggestive of, suspect, or suspicious.  **97. Other reason(s) documented by a physician/APN/PA or pharmacist:**   * Must explicitly link the noted reason with non-prescription of an ARB. * Should be considered implicit documentation for also not prescribing an ACEI for the following five conditions **ONLY:** * Angioedema * Hyperkalemia * Hypotension * Renal artery stenosis * Worsening renal function/renal disease/dysfunction   **98.** **Patient refusal:** Documentation by a physician/APN/PA or pharmacist that the patient refused ARBs or refused all medications is acceptable. Documentation that the patient refused BP medications is NOT acceptable |
| 113 | aldostrx | At the most recent VHA encounter, was the patient on an aldosterone antagonist (spironolactone, eplerenone)?   1. yes 2. no | 1,2  If 1, auto-fill aldostno as 95, and go to end | On aldosterone antagonist at most recent encounter: spironolactone or eplerenone was included in the list of patient’s current medications or either drug was prescribed at the time of the encounter  Brand name for spironolactone: Aldactone  Brand name for eplerenone: Inspra |
| 114 | aldostno | Does the record document any of the following reasons for not prescribing an aldosterone antagonist?   1. Allergy, intolerance, or sensitivity 2. Renal insufficiency 3. Hyperkalemia   95. Not applicable   1. Other reason documented by a physician/APN/ PA or pharmacist 2. Patient refusal of aldosterone antagonist documented by physician/APN/PA or pharmacist 3. No documented reason | 1,2,3,95,97,98,99  Will be auto-filled as 95 if aldostrx = 1 | Notation of aldosterone antagonist allergy or sensitivity or patient’s inability to tolerate one or more side effects is sufficient.  Renal insufficiency: acute renal failure; arterionephrosclerosis; azotemia; chronic renal disorder; chronic renal failure (CRF); chronic renal insufficiency; diabetic kidney disease; hemodialysis or peritoneal dialysis  Hyperkalemia: serum potassium > 5.5 meq/L that cannot be reduced (not a transient event) |

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| TABLE A: Drug Classes and Drugs Used to Define Anti-Hypertension Mono or Multi-Drug Treatment | | |
| ACE Inhibitors Benazepril  Captopril  Enalapril  Fosinopril  Lisinopril  Moexipril  Perindopril  Quinapril  Ramipril  Trandolapril | Angiotensin II Receptor Antagonists Candesartan  Eprosartan  Irbesartan  Losartan  Olmesartan  Telmisartan  Valsartan | Alpha1-Blockers Doxazosin  Prazosin  Terazosin Central Alpha Agonists Clonidine  Guanabenz  Guanfacine  Methyldopa Alpha-Beta Blockers Carvedilol Labetolol |
| Beta-Blockers Acebutolol  Atenolol  Betaxolol  Bisoprolol  Carteolol  Metoprolol  Nadolol  Nebivolol  Penbutolol  Pindolol  Propranolol  Timolol  Esmolol | Calcium Channel Blockers Diltiazem  Verapamil  Amlodipine  Felodipine  Isradipine  Nicardipine  Nifedipine  Nisoldipine | Peripheral Vasodilators Hydralazine  Minoxidil Peripheral Adrenergic Inhibitors Guanadrel  Guanethidine Reserpine |
| **Renin Inhibitor** Aliskiren | Loop Diuretics Furosemide  Torsemide  Bumetanide |  |

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| Thiazide and Related Diuretics Bendroflumethiazide  Benzthiazide  Chlorothiazide  Chlorthalidone  Hydrochlorothiazide  Hydrochlorothiazide/Triamterene  Hydrochlorothiazide/Amiloride  Hydrochlorothiazide/Spironolactone  Hydroflumethiazide  Indapamide  Methyclothiazide  Metolazone  Polythiazide  Quinethazone  Trichlormethiazide | Aldosterone Antagonists Eplerenone  Spironolactone | Potassium-Sparing Diuretics Amiloride  Triamterene |
| \*Fixed-dose Combinations Hydrochlorothiazide/Irbesartan  Hydrochlorothiazide/Lisinopril  Hydrochlorothiazide/Losartan  Hydrochlorothiazide/Valsartan  Hydrochlorothiazide/Methyldopa  Hydrochlorothiazide/Metoprolol  Hydrochlorothiazide/Reserpine  Hydrochlorothiazide/Timolol  Hydrochlorothiazide/Moexipril  Hydrochlorothiazide/Quinapril  Hydrochlorothiazide/Eprosartan  Hydrochlorothiazide/Telmisartan  Hydrochlorothiazide/Olmesartan  Hydrochlorothiazide/Candesartan  Hydrochlorothiazide/Propranolol  Hydrochlorothiazide/Guanethidine  Hydrochlorothiazide/Labetolol | \*Fixed-dose Combinations (cont’d) Aliskiren/Amlodipine  Atenolol/Chlorthalidone  Amlodipine/Benazepril  Amlodipine/hydrochlorothiazide/olmesartan  Amlodipine/Olmesartan  Amlodipine/Valsartan  Benazepril/Hydrochlorothiazide  Fosinopril/Hydrochlorothiazide  Bisoprolol/Hydrochlorothiazide  Hydralazine/Hydrochlorothiazide  Enalapril/Felodipine  Hydralazine/Hydrochlorothiazide/Reserpine  Enalapril/Hydrochlorothiazide  Captopril/Hydrochlorothiazide Diltiazem/Enalapril Telmisartan/amlodipine | \*Fixed-dose Combinations (cont’d) Trandolapril/Verapamil  Polythiazide/Reserpine  Chlorothiazide/Reserpine  Hydroflumethiazide/Reserpine  Methyclothiazide/Reserpine  Trichlormethiazide/Reserpine  Bendroflumethiazide/Nadolol  Chlorthalidone/Clonidine  Bendroflumethiazide/rauwolfia serpentina  Polythiazide/Prazosin  Chlorthalidone/Reserpine  Deserpidine/Methyclothiazide Chlorothiazide/Methyldopa |