



EPRP UPDATE

FY2026Q1

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FY2026Q1 CHANGES

- The slides in this presentation will serve to provide an overview of changes to the FY2026Q1 data collection instruments and scoring.
- Although the most important points will be covered, please be sure to review all the highlighted sections in the Word documents that have been added to the EPRP Collaboration SharePoint folder and are available on the Quality Insights EPRP website.



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DATABASE QUESTION CHANGES

- The following tools had no changes to questions or definition and decision rules:
 - Colonoscopy Follow-Up (HOP29)
 - Delirium Risk (Common Modules)
 - Hospital Outpatient Measures (HOP)



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CATARACT SURGERY (CAT)

- Due to the retirement of the measure, CAT192, the following questions have been removed from CAT:
 - Postcomp/postcomp20
 - Postcomp1-5/postcomp21-25
 - Compsurg/compsurg2
 - Typesurg/typesurg2
- There were no other major changes made to the CAT questions or rules



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CLINICAL GUIDELINES AND PREVENTION INDICATORS (CGPI)

The following modules have been removed from CGPI

- Shared
- Cardiovascular Disease
- Mental Health

The following slides will review the changes for the remaining modules

- Validation
- Core
- Outpatient Medication Reconciliation
- Prevention Indicators
- Diabetes



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CGPI VALIDATION MODULE

The following questions have been removed

- Selectdx
- Htnenc1/Htnencdt1
- Htnenc2/Htnencdt2
- Ivdenc1/Ivdencdt1
- Ivdenc2/Ivdencdt2
- Cirrhosis
- Muscleltx
- Ivpreg
- Pregdt
- Clomiphen

The Validation module will now end after question #22, frailtdt2



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CGPI CORE MODULE

- The questions asking about blood pressure have been removed
- The Core module will now begin with the Frail Elderly questions
 - Only cases with patients age 75 or greater will get these questions
- Guidance has been added to questions #1, asesadi, and #3, asesadi, related to e-screening documentation
 - In order to accept e-screening, there must be documentation that completion was acknowledged, or any noted deficits were addressed
- No other changes were made to the Core module



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CGPI OUTPATIENT MEDICATION RECONCILIATION MODULE

- Additional guidance was added to the rules for question #4, opmedist2
 - If the visit is conducted by VA Video Connect (VVC), the following would be acceptable to select value "3"
 - A nurse is present during the VVC encounter and the provider documents the medication list was given to the patient
 - The rationale for this change is that the patient is documented as being at the facility for the video encounter making it reasonable to accept the documentation that the medication list was given to the patient by the nurse at the end of the video encounter with the provider
- There were no other changes to the Outpatient Medication Reconciliation module



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CGPI PREVENTION INDICATORS MODULE

- Questions in the PI module will now start with the questions asking about tobacco use screening
- All questions related to immunizations have been deleted from the module
- In addition, the following questions were removed related to women's health screening:
 - Sxactv1-4, 99
 - Pregsttdt
 - Retmed
 - Dxray
 - Chiamst
- The remaining changes were minor updates to the definition/decision rules and field formatting



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CGPI DIABETES MODULE

- The module will now end at question #7, footsens
- Previous question #8, renaldis has been removed
- All questions related to diabetic eye examination have been removed
- There were no other changes to the Diabetes module



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COMMUNICATION OF ABNORMAL TEST RESULTS (CTR)

Tests performed outside of VHA

- The following guidance was added to the rules for the "NONVA" questions (nonvalfobt, nonvalfp, etc.)
 - "If the *insert test type (FOBT, AFP, etc.)* was ordered by VHA and performed by a "Reference Lab" which the VA has contracted and the results are reported in the VHA lab package, enter 2."



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CTR NEW QUESTION FOR ORACLE HEALTH FACILITIES

- In order to capture the Breast Imaging-Reporting and Data System (BI-RADS) category score, a new question has been added that will only be enabled for facilities that are using the Oracle Health (Cerner) electronic medical record system
- Question #36, biradscr, asks for the BI-RADS score documented in the mammogram report
- Select the answer option that corresponds with the BI-RADS score on the mammogram report for the specified date
- There were no other major changes made to CTR



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GLOBAL MEASURES (GM)

Question #13, tobstatus3

- Clarification was added to the rules if the screening was performed within 3 days prior to admission
 - Remember:
 - Day of inpatient admission = day 0
 - Day after inpatient admission = day 1

Tobstatus3 Timing Example

- The patient was placed in observation status and screened for tobacco use on May 1 and admitted to inpatient care on May 5
- The initial screening was conducted on May 1, outside the acceptable time frame of within 3 days prior to admission
- Therefore, a new screening must be performed

There were no other changes for GM



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HOME BASED PRIMARY CARE (HBPC)

- Some of the questions have been removed due to the retirement of certain measures
 - Medfalrisk
 - Medfalases
 - All questions related to Screening for Alcohol Misuse
 - All questions related to Screening for Depression
 - All questions related to Screening for PTSD



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HBPC CAREGIVER STRAIN

- Additional guidance was added to the rules if there is conflicting documentation for question #15, pteside
 - If there is conflicting documentation, use the most recent documentation



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HBPC OXYGEN ASSESSMENT

Question #40, envoxy

- The oxygen assessment questions have been expanded to also include those patients who have been enrolled in HBPC greater than one year from the most recent HBPC encounter
- Field formatting for envoxy has been updated to account for this change

Field Format Update

- If the answer to envoxy=1 and hcstatus=2, the case will go to asesox2
- If the answer to envoxy=1 and hcstatus=3, the case will go to a new question, asesox3
- If the answer to envoxy=2, the case will go to hospice



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HBPC OXYGEN ASSESSMENT

Question #42, asesox3

- Asks if during the last year, was a home oxygen safety risk assessment was documented by a HBPC team member to include all required components
- Must include whether the following are in the home
 - Smoking materials
 - Functioning smoke detectors
 - Other fire safety risks

Definition/Decision Rules

- As of 7/01/2023, must be performed by a HBPC team member at a face-to-face encounter
 - Patients living in a rural location and assigned to a HBPC team on Table 2, Rural Waiver for Telehealth, are exempt from this rule
- Any HBPC team member may complete the oxygen safety risk assessment



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HBPC PNEUMOCOCCAL VACCINATION

- If the answer to question #82, ppsvac23, is "3", a warning box will populate
 - "Please verify in progress notes or JLV that the vaccine was NOT given at this, or another, VAMC."
- The same warning has been added to the following questions
 - #84, pcwvac20
 - #86, pcwvac21
- Additional instructions have been added to the rules for question #88, pneunsp
 - If immunizations state, "Pneumococcal Vaccination Unspecified", it is necessary to look at the progress note on that date to determine if it is truly unspecified. If the documentation in the progress note states, "Pneumovax", please enter this data for question #82, ppsvac23 and NOT for question #88, pneunsp."

There were no additional changes to the HBPC tool



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INPATIENT MEDICATION RECONCILIATION

- Due to the retirement of Mrec44 and Mrec51, the following questions have been removed:
 - Rvptmed
 - Ipmedrev

- There were no other changes made to the Inpatient Medication Reconciliation tool



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SEPSIS

- Question #32, bioname
 - Oritavancin was added to the Sepsis Medication table as an acceptable antibiotic
- Question #51, weight
 - Documentation the patient has a BMI>30 or is obese is considered acceptable was added to the rules to comply with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) update

- There were no other changes made to the Sepsis tool



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SCORING CHANGES



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NO SCORING CHANGES

- The following tools did not have any scoring changes for FY2026Q1
 - Colonoscopy Follow-Up (HOP29)
 - HOP
 - Sepsis

- Scoring changes for the remaining tools will be covered in the following slides



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SCORING CHANGE

Cataract Surgery

- Retired Measure
- Cat192: complications within 30 days following cataract surgery requiring additional surgical procedure

Global Measures

- Retired Measures
 - Mrec44: essential medication list for review with all components contained in note
 - Mrec51: essential medication list reviewed with patient/caregiver on admission
 - Tob49: Tobacco Use Status Unknown



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CTR SCORING CHANGE

- Ctr25 (Abnormal test results that require action communicated within 30 days of test report) has been changed to a quality performance measure
- As a performance measure, ctr25 cases are no longer eligible for reconsideration

- There were no other scoring changes for CTR



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CGPI SCORING CHANGES: RETIRED MEASURES

- P32h: Breast Screen age 50 – 74 (includes 3D mammogram)
- Dmg23h: HgbA1c >9 or not done in past year
- Dmg31h: Retinal exam, timely by disease
- Chf14: LVSF <40 on ACEI or ARB
- Chl1: Chlamydia Screen Females age 16-24
- lhd6: LVSF <40 on ACEI or ARB at most recent visit
- lhd20h: Received persistent beta-blocker treatment for 6 months post AMI DC
- Ked1h: Kidney health evaluation for patients with diabetes



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RETIRED CGPI MEASURES CONTINUED

- Mdd40: Screened annually for depression
- PTSD51: PTSD screening
- Sa7: Screened annually for alcohol misuse
- Sa17: Screened for alcohol misuse with score 5 or greater with timely brief intervention
- P24: Pneumococcal immunization refused
- P27: Influenza Immunization refused
- Pvc12: Pneumococcal Immunization age 66 and greater
- Smg19mn: Current tobacco user ever day or some days (Nexus Clinics MH)
- Smg19n: Current tobacco user ever day or some days (Nexus Clinics non-MH)
- Mrec54: Essential medication list for review with all components



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RETIRED CGPI MEASURES: ORACLE HEALTH FACILITIES ONLY

- Dmg27h: BP <140/90
- Cvrn1: Statin therapy for patients with diabetes
- Cvrn2: Statin therapy for patients with cardiovascular disease
- lhd53h: HTN: BP <140/90 age 18 – 85
- P25h: Influenza Immunization age 65 and greater
- P26h: Influenza Immunization age 18-64



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NEW CGPI SCORING MEASURE: P34H

P34h: Women age 40-74 screened for Breast Cancer (includes 3D mammogram)

- New measure replaces p32h due to the updated age range
- Denominator exclusions are the same as the retired p32h measure *other than the age range*
- Cases will be included in scoring if the patient is >=42 and <=74 years and does not meet any denominator exclusions
- Cases included in the denominator will pass if a screening mammogram was completed within 27 months prior to the study end date
- Currently a quality performance measure (non-bolded, not eligible for reconsideration)



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NEW CGPI SCORING MEASURES: P34H_40 & P34H_50

P34h_40

- Quality performance measure (non-bolded, not eligible for reconsideration)
- Women age 40-49 screened for breast cancer
- Cases included in the denominator will pass if there is documentation of a qualifying mammogram within the past 27 months

P34h_50

- **Accountability measure (bolded, eligible for reconsideration)**
- **Women age 50-74 screened for breast cancer**
- **Cases included in the denominator will pass if there is documentation of a qualifying mammogram within the past 27 months**



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SCORING CHANGE

HBPC Retired Measures

- Hc36: Home oxygen safety assessment within 30 days after admission to HBPC
- Hc38: Screened annually for depression
- Hc41: PTSD screening
- Hc61: Screened annually for alcohol misuse
- Hc62: Screened for alcohol misuse with score >=5 with timely brief intervention
- Hc65: Medication regimen assessed for fall risk potential within 30 days after admission to HBPC



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NEW HBPC SCORING MEASURE HC66

Hc66: Home Oxygen Safety

- Replaces the retired measure, hc36
- Includes patients admitted to HBPC greater than one year from the most recent HBPC encounter AND
- Patients admitted greater than or equal to 30 days but less than or equal to one year who have not had an inpatient admission within 30 days of HBPC admission



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NEW HBPC SCORING MEASURE: HC66

- Cases included in the denominator will pass if:
 - A home oxygen safety risk assessment which included all required components was documented by an HBPC team member within the acceptable timeframe AND
 - An HBPC team member informed and educated the patient/caregiver about all of the required safety recommendations AND
 - An HBPC team member documented that no oxygen risks were identified OR
 - An HBPC team member documented interventions to address identified oxygen safety risk(s) AND
 - A response to the care plan/intervention was evaluated by an HBPC team member or
 - There was no HBPC visit between the home oxygen care plan/intervention and the study end date



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HBPC OXYGEN SAFETY EDUCATION COMPONENTS (INFORMATIONAL ONLY)

Hc66a-d

- Informational only
- Breakout measures for each of the oxygen safety assessment education components
- Replaces the previous hc36a-d measures

Measure Descriptions

- Hc66a: Findings of the oxygen safety risk assessment
- Hc66b: Causes of fire
- Hc66c: Fire risks for neighboring residences and buildings
- Hc66d: Precautions that can prevent fire-related injuries



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THERE ARE NO OTHER SCORING CHANGES FOR FY2026Q1



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