

IMPLEMENTATION RESOURCES FOR WOMEN WITH EPILEPSY QUALITY MEASURE



This document is intended to provide you with an example of how to update your workflow to meet the updated Women with Epilepsy measure. This serves as an example and not necessarily what will work for every provider or practice.

- Integrate the AAN's pre-visit questionnaire for patients with epilepsy into your patient portal. This information may also be gathered using paper surveys collected using a planned visit model.
- Send the pre-visit questionnaire to patients seven days in advance of their appointment via the patient portal, and ask for the questionnaire to be completed at least one day prior to their scheduled appointment.
- Three days before the patient visit, send a reminder notification via the patient portal to complete the questionnaire.
- The day of the visit, have identified staff (e.g., medical assistant, scheduling staff, nurse, etc.) enter questionnaire responses into the patient's records if the information is not automatically integrated in your EHR.
- During the patient visit, review responses with the patient. Documentation of patient being pre-menstrual, post-menopausal, surgically sterile, or reproductive organs are not present is sufficient to meet the measure numerator. However, CMS will treat these as exceptions.

Some key phrases you could use to meet this measure include:

- "Patient had prior tubal ligation"
 - "Patient is post-gender confirmation surgery"
 - "Patient had previous hysterectomy"
 - "Patient had completed menopause"
- For those patients who are not pre-menstrual, post-menopausal, surgically sterile, or who lack reproductive organs, review response with the patient identifying if additional folic acid supplementation is needed, identify if current anti-seizure medications may impact current contraception methods, and if anti-seizure medications may have an effect on fetal/child development and/or pregnancy.

Some key phrases you could use to meet this measure are included below. You must counsel on at least two of the three topics to meet the measure:

- Folic acid supplementation
 - "Patient was counseled on the need for folic acid supplementation during pregnancy for women with epilepsy taking anti-seizure medications"
 - "Patient was counseled on the need for folic acid supplementation during pregnancy"
 - "Folic acid started after counseling about pregnancy and medication concerns"
- Drug-to-drug interactions with contraception medications
 - "Patient was counseled regarding potential drug-to-drug interactions between contraceptive and anti-seizure medications"
- Potential anti-seizure medication effects on fetal/child development and/or pregnancy
 - "Patient was counseled regarding the potential effects of anti-seizure medication on fetal/child development and/or pregnancy"
- Use a nurse educator or other appropriate clinical staff to provide additional education on contraception, pregnancy, and/or breastfeeding risks, if appropriate.
- Use your patient portal to send a yearly reminder to all female patients aged 12–44 years with an epilepsy diagnosis of the importance of this topic and highlight opportunity to discuss further during an upcoming visit.