



Health Measure TIPS (To Improve Performance Sheet): Gonorrhea Screening (GON)

Importance of the Measure

Gonorrhea is a common Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) that can affect both men and women. Many people with gonorrhea are asymptomatic and when left untreated, gonorrhea can lead to serious and sometimes permanent health problems such as infertility, and may increase a person's chance of contracting Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV). The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends a yearly gonorrhea screening for all sexually active women under the age of 25 and for men who have sex with men or any person who has a partner with a STI.

Routine testing for Gonorrhea, in conjunction with patient education about STI's, transmission, and the importance of testing, and treatment with antibiotics can mitigate negative health outcomes.

Measure Description

The percentage of female members ages 16-24 who were identified as sexually active and the percentage of all male members ages 16-24 who had at least one test for gonorrhea during the measurement year.

- Perform screening test once per year for sexually active females ages 16-24 and all males ages 16-24

*HUSKY Health wants to help you improve your gonorrhea screening rates and improve health outcomes for your HUSKY Health patients. **Adherence to this measure is determined by claims data.***

Codes for Gonorrhea Testing*

CPT CODES

87590, 87591, 87592, 87850

Additional Information

For information on health measures or the programs and services made available through the HUSKY Health program:

- Visit: www.ct.gov/husky, click “**For Providers**,” then “**Health Measures**” under the “**Reports & Resources**” menu item
- Email: Quality@chnct.org
- Call: 1.866.317.3301

Reference

<https://www.cdc.gov/std/gonorrhea/stdfact-gonorrhea.htm>

*Code sets are routinely updated. Please reference the current year's manuals when billing for services. Not all codes listed above are reimbursable. For a list of codes reimbursed by DSS, please refer to the Physician Office and Outpatient Services Fee Schedule on the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program website: www.ctdssmap.com.