

CEG QOF Quick Wins webinar, 19 February 2024

Questions & Answers

Q: What if asthma patient comes from another GP practice which has not done the spiro in the timeframe given?

A: Newly registered patients should have spirometry and objective test within 6 months of registration.

Q: Some patients are historical asthmatics from years ago, do they need spirometry or FeNOs?

A: Only newly diagnosed (since 1 April 2023) asthma patients need a spirometry and another objective test completed.

Q: Asthma patients who have had the spirometry done are still on the excluded list

A: Patients must have a spirometry **and** another objective test (eg peak flow variability or FeNO) completed between 3 months before or 6 months after being diagnosed.

Q: What are the exclusion codes for CHOL001?

A: These codes can be found on the LTC template in the PCA (Exception reporting) page

Q: CHOL001 – why does the statin decline code not work?

A: To satisfy this indicator you must prescribe a statin from 1 October. If the patient declines statin, then you should prescribe lipid lowering therapy from 1 October **and** code Statin declined (or Statin not tolerated/not indicated/contraindicated/etc). If patient also declines lipid lowering therapy, coding 'Lipid lowering therapy declined' will exclude the patient from the denominator.

Q: What is SMI decline codes?

A: There is a decline code for each of the Mental Health Check elements and these codes can be found on the LTC template in the PCA (Exception reporting) page. To exclude a patient from the overall physical health check (MH021) at least one decline code needs to be recorded **and** all 6 elements should be coded as either done or declined.

Q: AF008 - Vitamin K Antagonist is not reflecting in included although patients are on Warfarin with CHA2DS2-VASc score. Is there a problem with this indicator?

A: This may be due to the ongoing drug issue where several drug searches do not recognise certain medications.

Q: What about childhood vaccinations - any declined code for that?

A: There are only exception codes for adverse reaction to the vaccines. There are no other exception codes you can use for QOF childhood immunisations.

Q: Is there any resources you can direct us to give us a list of acceptable codes and exception codes?

A: Exception codes can be found on the LTC template in the PCA (Exception reporting) page.