AACVPR Pulmonary Rehabilitation Outpatient Registry Enhancements – Now Live

The Pulmonary Rehabilitation Registry Enhancements outlined below have been selected to both update the registry to reflect the recently released updated Performance Measures for Program Certification and to add and adjust fields based on registry user requests and recommendation from CR Experts.

Performance Measure Enhancements for Program Certification with AACVPR Registry

In the enhancements, we have included updates to align the registry with the new Performance Measures needed for program Certification starting with the 2018 application. The 2018 Program Certification Application is now available for review here: http://www.aacvpr.org/Program-Certification. The Performance Measures are available here: http://www.aacvpr.org/pmresources.

1. Improvement in Dyspnea at Completion of PR
To align with the new Dyspnea Performance Measure, the updated Pulmonary Registry will now have a Dyspnea Assessment Page within the Clinical Tools dropdown section. The Dyspnea page will include the Modified Medical Research Council Scale (mMRC) and the University of California San Diego Schortness of Breath Questionnaire (UCSD SOBQ) assessments, as well as new fields for the Baseline Dyspnea Index (BDI)/ Transitional Dyspnea Index (TDI) and a new field to allow clinicians to indicate if a patient is excluded from dyspnea measurements. The registry-program certification integration applet will allow programs using the registry to easily pull and calculate this performance measure. To view the full Performance Measure, denominator exclusions and supporting documentation for Improvement in Dyspnea at Completion of PR please visit the PM Resource Page here: http://www.aacvpr.org/pmresources.

2. Improvement in Functional Capacity at Completion of PR
The registry continues to collect values for the 6 Minute Walk Test. As part of the registry enhancements, Functional Capacity section of the registry will now include a field to indicate if a patient should be excluded from measurement, and the registry-program certification integration applet will allow programs using the registry to easily pull and calculate this performance measure. To view the full Performance Measure, denominator exclusions, and supporting documentation for Improvement in Functional Capacity at Completion of PR please visit the PM Resource Page here: http://www.aacvpr.org/pmresources.

3. Improvement in Health-related Quality of Life at Completion of PR
The registry continues to collect values for the COPD Assessment Test (CAT), the St. George’s Respiratory Questionnaire (SGRQ), and the Chronic Respiratory Disease Questionnaire (CRQ). A new field has been added to indicate if a patient should be excluded from measurement for Health-Related Quality of Life assessments, and the registry-program certification integration applet will allow programs using the registry to easily pull and calculate this performance measure. To view the full Performance Measure, denominator exclusions, and supporting documentation for Improvement in Health-related Quality of Life at Completion of PR, please visit the PM Resource Page here: http://www.aacvpr.org/pmresources.

Additional Registry Enhancements

New Tobacco Intervention Fields
The Registry continues to track tobacco history with an update to the options for tobacco status. The status options are now defined as “Current (< 1 month),” “Recent (1-6 months),” “Former (> 6 months)” and “Never.” A new field has been added to allow programs to track Tobacco Intervention with the following options:
“Counseling,” “Pharmacotherapy,” “Referral to Specialist,” “Tobacco Intervention Not Indicated” and “None.” This enhancement is being made to align the Pulmonary Registry with the Cardiac Registry.

**New Exercise Minutes and Days Fields**
New fields to track patient exercise minutes and days will be added to the Functional Assessment page within the registry. These fields will also be added to the Individual Report, Outcomes Summary, and Comparison Reports.

**New Peak MET Level Field**
A new field will be added to the Functional Assessments page to allow programs to include Peak MET levels for patients, and this field will also be added to the Individual Report, Outcomes Summary, and Comparison Reports.

**Update to the Performance Report**
Currently the Performance Report displays program data by quarter of each year. This new option will allow programs to see a Performance Report for the year, but will only be available in January of the following year. ie: 2016 Performance Report will not be available until January 2017.

**New Tracking Pulmonary Rehab Session Co-pays**
Insurance co-pays can indicate why patients do not enroll or complete less sessions of pulmonary rehab. Programs will now be able to track the amount of the co-pay per session. Located in the Insurers Section of the Patient Demographics page, programs can entry co-pay values from 0-99. This may help programs identify a quality project to determine a process to provide patients with a modified program.