

Consensus Core Set: Obstetrics and Gynecology

The Core Quality Measures Collaborative (CQMC) core measure sets (core sets) are intended for use in value-based payment (VBP) programs and may also be used to drive improvement in high-priority areas. The core sets can be used in their entirety to holistically assess quality or can serve as a starting point when selecting measures to meet specific goals. The CQMC core sets are developed and maintained using a multistakeholder, consensus-based process and established [measure selection principles](#). Measure specifications and details are linked in the *NQF Number* column, and additional considerations for use are included in the *Notes* section of the table below.

Obstetrics and Gynecology Measures

The CQMC core set measures focus on ambulatory care measures at the clinician-reporting level. The OB/GYN core set contains nine measures that have been tested for reliability and validity at the clinician (individual or group/practice) reporting level. The remaining core set measures address important topics related to OB/GYN care, but they have not been tested at the clinician level of analysis. When using measures specified outside of the clinician level of analysis, core set users should ensure adequate measure denominator size based on their patient population.

NQF Number	Measure	Steward	Level of Analysis	Notes
**	<i>Prevention and Wellness</i>	**	**	**
0032 / eCQM	Cervical Cancer Screening	National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA)	Health Plan	eCQM available* Telehealth eligible for CMS programs in 2023
N/A	Non-recommended Cervical Cancer Screening in Adolescent Females (MIPS ID 443)	NCQA	Clinician, Health Plan	**
2902	Contraceptive Care – Postpartum	U.S. Office of Population Affairs	Clinician, Health Plan, Population: Regional and State	**
2904	Contraceptive Care – Access to LARC	U.S. Office of Population Affairs	Clinician, Facility, Health Plan, Population: Regional and State	**
0033 / eCQM	Chlamydia Screening in Women (CHL)	NCQA	Health Plan	eCQM available* Telehealth eligible for CMS programs in 2023

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2372 / eCQM	Breast Cancer Screening	NCQA	Health Plan, Integrated Health Delivery System	eCQM available* Telehealth eligible
N/A	HIV Screening (MIPS ID 475) [†]	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)	Clinician	eCQM available* Telehealth eligible for CMS programs in 2023
0418 / 0418e	Preventative Care and Screening: Screening for Clinical Depression and Follow-Up Plan	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)	Clinician	No longer NQF-endorsed. Developer plans to maintain measure independently. eCQM available* Telehealth eligible for CMS programs in 2023 Stratification to focus on pregnant and postpartum women may be considered
N/A	Postpartum Depression Screening and Follow-Up (PDS)	NCQA	Health Plan	Telehealth eligible eCQM available* Measure use is encouraged where data collection is feasible
3543	Person-Centered Contraceptive Counseling (PCCC) Measure	University of California, San Francisco (UCSF)	Clinician, Facility	**
**	<i>Maternal and Perinatal Health</i>	**	**	**
N/A	Maternity Care: Postpartum Follow-Up and Care Coordination (MIPS ID 336)	CMS	Clinician	**
0470	Incidence of Episiotomy	Christiana Care Health System	Facility	Inpatient measure
0469 / 0469e	PC-01 Elective Delivery	The Joint Commission (TJC)	Facility, Other	eCQM available* Inpatient measure Recommend use of #0716, #0471, and #0469/0469e as a group
0471	PC-02 Cesarean Section	TJC	Facility, Other	Inpatient measure Recommend use of #0716, #0471, and #0469/0469e as a group

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0716	Unexpected Complications in Term Newborns	California Maternal Quality Care Collaborative	Facility, Integrated Delivery System, Population: Regional and State	Inpatient measure Recommend use of #0716, #0471, and #0469/0469e as a group
3484	Prenatal Immunization Status	NCQA	Health Plan	**
**	<i>Other</i>	**	**	**
3475e	Appropriate Use of DXA Scans in Women Under 65 Years Who Do Not Meet the Risk Factor Profile for Osteoporotic Fracture	CMS	Clinician	eCQM Telehealth eligible for CMS programs in 2023
N/A	Proportion of Patients Sustaining a Bowel Injury at the Time of Any Pelvic Organ Prolapse Repair (MIPS ID 433)	American Urogynecologic Society (AUGS)	Clinician	**
N/A	Maternal Morbidity	CMS	N/A	Structural measure

*Separate benchmarks should be used based on the reporting method.

† This measure is a cross-cutting measure that may be highly relevant across multiple core sets.

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Gap Areas for Future Consideration and Measure Development

Maternal Health Measures

- Maternal morbidity and mortality
- Time of decision for c-section and surgery start time (i.e., measurement of “decision to incision” start times)
- Behavioral health and substance use measures, including opioid use disorder screening, tobacco, smoking, and vaping measures for pregnant and/or postpartum women
- Comprehensive postpartum visits and postpartum follow-up
- Patient education (e.g., encouraging vaccine uptake, early discussion of risks, benefits, and preferences for birth experience and delivery)
- Prevention measures (e.g., screening and follow-up for cardiovascular disease, obesity, Hepatitis C), especially during the first and second trimester of pregnancy
- Measures that consider healthy lifestyle behaviors throughout reproductive years

Perinatal Measures

- Decision-making measures for neonatal care
- Measures addressing neonatal morbidity and mortality (e.g., appropriate care for infants with Apgar scores <7 at five minutes after birth)

Core Set Updates for 2022

Updated notes related to telehealth eligibility for all measures

Measures #0032, #0033, #0418/#0418e, and #3475e as well as *HIV Screening* (MIPS ID 475) remain telehealth eligible for CMS programs in 2023; notes on these measures have been updated to reflect this continued eligibility.

Updated notes on measures #0716, #0471, and #0469/#0469e

The Workgroup noted that #0716 *Unexpected Complications in Term Newborns (PC-06)* is best utilized when paired with #0471 *Cesarean Birth (PC-02)* and #0469/#0469e *Elective Delivery (PC-01)*, and these measures should not be used or published as stand-alone indicators of quality.

Removed measure #0480/#0480e: PC-05 Exclusive Breast Milk Feeding and the subset measure

While breastfeeding is beneficial, it is not a stand-alone indicator of the quality of care provided by a clinician. Use of this measure could also unintentionally create pressure for mothers who are unable to breastfeed. #0480 is also being retired from federal hospital reporting programs.

Added Maternal Morbidity Structural Measure

This structural measure assesses hospital participation and implementation of quality improvement initiatives with perinatal care. This measure is intended to encourage hospital participation in quality improvement programs as a first step before assessing the effect of these initiatives on patient outcomes.

Additional details about the discussion and measures not selected for inclusion are available on the CQMC website’s [CQMC Workgroup Meeting Summaries](#) page.