The Importance of Accurately Capturing Follow-up Intervals

Since March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month, and we know that the key to beating colon cancer is early detection, it is an opportune time to emphasize the importance of following the GI societies’ guidelines for when to bring a patient back following their initial screening colonoscopy.

To aid you in this effort, GIQuIC features colonoscopy surveillance measures to assess adherence to the recommendations. These measures are not meant to track when the patient returns for their next colonoscopy. Instead, the follow-up interval that is uploaded to GIQuIC should be the one that is told to the patient based on the pathology findings and not limited to the physician’s initial endoscopic impressions.

Some physicians may select “Other” for follow-up interval during a procedure and then note “Wait for pathology findings”. For this reason, you will receive a warning when uploading a procedure to GIQuIC that has “Other” selected for follow-up interval. It is important to double check in the endowriter that “Other” has been appropriately selected and is not being used as a placeholder until pathology results are entered. To identify procedures in GIQuIC that may have been uploaded without a follow-up interval selected, there is a Data Quality Report you can run. We will demonstrate this and discuss follow-up intervals in more detail during our next QuIC Bite webinar.

Follow-up Interval Workflow
Wednesday, March 15th, 2:00 pm Central

Please join the GIQuIC team for our next QuIC Bite webinar when we will discuss the importance of establishing a workflow to accurately capture follow-up intervals. Register by clicking here.

If you are unable to attend, the recording and slides will be published on the GIQuIC homepage under News, along with the rest of our monthly webinars and newsletters.
GIQuIC Registry Announces New Partnership with Health Catalyst

In January of 2024, GIQuIC will be moving to a powerful new technology platform powered by Health Catalyst, Inc. A leading provider of data and analytics technology and services to healthcare organizations, Health Catalyst acquired ARMUS Corporation in 2022, which allows GIQuIC to take advantage of ARMUS’s HYBRID Clinical Registry and Reporting solution.

ARMUS by Health Catalyst’s HYBRID cloud-based registry platform is currently utilized by more than three dozen clinical registries. Health Catalyst’s extensive experience with data extraction allows a streamlined user experience and enhances GIQuIC’s data capture process. With its patient-centric approach, HYBRID positions its customers well for longitudinal data collection and robust reporting to fuel quality improvement as well as reporting to CMS’ Quality Payment Program.

Working in tandem, GIQuIC and Health Catalyst plan to transition existing registry operations for colonoscopy and EGD procedures with the goal of adding additional data collection and reporting relative to endoscopic procedures and disease states.

Colorectal Cancer Educational Resources

Be sure to take advantage of the resources offered by our member societies during Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month to urge your patients to get screened.

- ACG’s “CRC Community Education Toolkit” features patient education handouts, social media banners, slides, and graphics to download all with the call-to-action to get screened for colorectal cancer screening beginning at age 45 for average risk adults. Learn more here. Also during March, check out ACG’s “Ride or Stride for 45” Virtual Challenge for the GI community here.

- ASGE is pleased to participate in a new video airing on the Balancing Act segment on Lifetime TV. Featuring ASGE leaders, Drs. Bret Peterson, Jennifer Christie, and Douglas Rex, ASGE is leveraging Lifetime’s reach to emphasize the importance of colorectal cancer screening to its audience. Involvement in this video is part of ASGE’s ongoing efforts to relentlessly raise awareness among primary care physicians and members of the public about the importance of screening, the appropriate test for the risk factors, and the superior role colonoscopy plays in preventing cancer.

GIQuIC is the nonprofit collaboration of the American College of Gastroenterology and the American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy.
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MIPS TIPS

GIQuIC 2022 QCDR Time to Submit Webinar

The GIQuIC team conducted a webinar to discuss the steps you need to take to complete the data submission process for the 2022 reporting year if you are planning to report to MIPS via the GIQuIC 2022 Qualified Clinical Data Registry (QCDR). The webinar recording as well as the corresponding slides can be found on the registry homepage in the MIPS box.

Important Deadlines/Dates for 2022 Reporting

- **January 20, 2023** - All 2022 procedure data should have been submitted to GIQuIC. This includes pathology data for all procedures performed through December 31st.
- **January 20 through March 10, 2023** - Select your Quality measures, enter Promoting Interoperability (PI) measure data, and make your Improvement Activities (IA) attestations. (You can report to one, two, or all three MIPS performance categories via the GIQuIC 2022 QCDR.) To learn more about the PI and IA performance categories, visit the Resource Library on the Quality Payment Program website by clicking here.
- **February 13, 2023** - Submission period opened.
- **March 17, 2023** - Select “Submit” no later than this date to transmit your data to CMS. More instructions will be provided when the “Submit” functionality is made available.

If you have any questions about reporting to MIPS via the GIQuIC QCDR, please send us your questions via the Service Desk system within the registry.