

THE CENTER FOR WELLNESS



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INTRODUCTION

We are in July! In this month's newsletter, the Quality department will highlight Healthy Vision month. Due to COVID-19 continued presence, it is important to ensure patients are exercising precaution and leading a healthy lifestyle. Vision health is an important part of global health awareness and education.

Now, more than ever, it is important to do screenings for various health measures as awareness has encouraged people to seek out help and resources.

With vaccinations being made available, we encourage people to get vaccinated when possible and continue to get preventative screenings.

HEALTHY VISION MONTH

Healthy Vision is a time to raise awareness of preventable health problems and vision precautions many people can take. Early detection and treatment of vision problems are strongly encouraged.

The following statistics detail overall vision health.

- Approximately 12 million people 40 years and over in the United States have vision impairment, including 1 million who are blind.
- As of 2021, 4.2 million Americans aged 40 years and older suffer from in-correctable vision impairment, out of which 1.02 million who are blind
- The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) reports that every day about the 2,000 U.S. workers sustain job-related eye injuries that require medical treatment.
- Vision disability is one of the top 10 disabilities among adults 18 years and older and one of the most prevalent

disabling conditions among children.

- An estimated 93 million adults in the United States are at risk for serious vision loss, but only half visited an eye doctor in the past 12 months.
- Early detection and timely treatment of eye conditions such as diabetic retinopathy has been found to be efficacious and cost effective (CDC).



Henry J. Austin (HJAHC) , through the help of the Quality Improvement team hope to improve vision through diabetic retinal exams, which is a part of satisfying the Comprehensive Diabetes Care measure.



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DIABETIC RETINAL EXAMS

Diabetic eye exam measure satisfaction in our EMR is as follows:

Description

Measure identifies patients 18 years of age and older with diabetes who have had a dilated eye exam.

Patient Identification

Age: 18+

Diagnosis: An active diagnosis of diabetes on the patient's Problem list or history of diabetes as indicated by a diagnosis code

Encounter: An encounter in the last 24 months

Not included in population: Patients diagnosed with gestational diabetes or steroid-induced diabetes

Measure Satisfaction

Measure is satisfied by one of the following:

- Billing a dilated eye exam based on claims data (CPT Codes: 2022F, 2024F, 2026F, 3072F, 67028, 67030, 67031, 67036, 67038-67043, 67101, 67105, 67107, 67108, 67110, 67112, 67113, 67121, 67141, 67145, 67208,

67210, 67218, 67220, 67221, 67227, 67228, 92002, 92004, 92012, 92014, 92018, 92019, 92134, 92225-92228, 92230, 92235, 92240, 92250, 92260, S0620, S0621, S0625, S3000)

- Receiving a result for a Diabetic Ophthalmology Referral or Retinal eye exam note: The result document (consult note or imaging result) for Ophthalmology must be documented with appropriate document label, result value and result type to be satisfied for the measure.
- Manually indicating the result (positive or negative) and the date the eye exam was performed in the Quality Management Tab.

Recommendation

- Optimize glycemic control to reduce the risk or slow the progression of diabetic retinopathy.
- Optimize blood pressure and serum lipid control to reduce the risk or slow the progression of diabetic retinopathy

Currently HJAHC refers patients outside ophthalmologist and eye care specialists.

EYE CARE

THE FACTS

253 million people are visually impaired
• 81% of people are aged 50 years and over

84% of visual impairment results from chronic eye diseases

CONSEQUENCES OF VISUAL IMPAIRMENT



3x more likely to be unemployed

3x more likely to be involved in a motor vehicle collision



3x more likely to suffer from depression and anxiety disorders

2x more likely to have a fall while walking



OPPORTUNITIES

81% of visual impairment could be avoided if diagnosed and treated early



1.4 million children could benefit from vision rehabilitation

US\$102 billion could be saved with appropriate eye care services



ACTION

Assess the availability of eye care services

Identify needs and gaps

Provide high-quality and affordable eye care services to all

Inform people about eye disease prevention and care

Educate about importance of regular eye exams



QUALITY GOALS

Ensuring that these screenings are being satisfied, we are collaborating and utilizing all our resources to ensure our patients receive quality care. Although there is no specific measure for men's health, screenings mentioned above can be satisfied using the appropriate documentation that can be found in our EMR, Athena.

In addition, as we enter the third phase of COVID-19 cases Henry J. Austin Health Center efforts are primarily focused on responding to our patient population needs in COVID-19 testing, providing vaccinations and flu shots.



SCORECARD

Henry J. Austin Health Center's monthly scorecard highlights or year to date (YTD) performance on 14 of our priority quality measures on an organizational level.

The scorecard is a fundamental aid to drive and monitor quality improvement at Henry J. Austin Health Center.

Measure Type	Program	2020 Baseline	June	July	Month Variance	2021 Goal
Cervical CA Screening	UDS	40%	41%	8%	-33%	48%
Childhood immunizations (Fully)	UDS	23%	24%	25%	0%	42%
Colorectal CA Screening	UDS	23%	22%	5%	0%	34%
Hypertension	UDS	34%	20%	22%	2%	57%
Dental Sealants	UDS	20%			0%	34%
Diabetes Control (>9%)	UDS	47%	61%	58%	-3%	68%
IVD Medication	UDS	84%	84%	84%	0%	84%
Adult BMI Screen, Follow-up	UDS	41%	45%	45%	0%	75%
Depression Screening, Follow-up	UDS	54%	37%	40%	3%	82%
Statin Use	UDS	77%	81%	80%	-1%	74%
Tobacco Use Screening	UDS	64%	57%	58%	1%	79%
Pediatric BMI & Counseling	UDS	50%	38%	40%	2%	78%

Scorecard Key

Measure type - UDS

2020 Baseline - Average baseline percentage met for each measure

Variance - performance growth from month to month.

Goal - 2021 Goal Mark

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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"Truly affordable but high-quality health care tools and services are the only means by which quality health care can be provided to all.

- Muhammad Yunus

