

# THE CENTER FOR WELLNESS



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# INTRODUCTION

Happy New Year and Happy first month of the year! In this month's newsletter, the Quality department will highlight cervical cancer awareness. Due to COVID-19's continued presence, it is important to ensure patients are exercising precaution and leading a healthy lifestyle. Because many health centers have opened up their facilities, it is important to remind people to schedule appointments with their providers to ensure quality health.

Now, more than ever, it is important perform 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.

# CERVICAL CANCER FACTS



Cervical cancer is most frequently diagnosed in women between the ages of 35 and 44 with the average age at diagnosis being 50. It rarely develops in women younger than 20. In recent years, the HPV test has been approved as another screening test for cervical cancer since almost all cervical cancers by HPV (human papillomavirus). The HPV test looks for infection by high-risk types of HPV that are more likely to cause pre-cancers and cancers of the cervix. The American Cancer Society's estimates for cervical cancer in the United States for 2022 are:

- About 14,100 new cases of invasive cervical cancer will be diagnosed.
- About 4,280 women will die from cervical cancer.

According to the American Cancer Society:

- Doctors use several terms to describe these pre-cancerous changes, including cervical intraepithelial neoplasia (CIN), squamous intraepithelial lesion (SIL, and dysplasia.
- In CIN1 (also called mild dysplasia or low grade SIL), not much of the tissue looks abnormal, and it is considered the least serious cervical pre-cancer.
- In CIN2 or CIN3 (also called moderate/severe dysplasia or high-grade SIL is the most serious pre-cancer.
- About 2,650 new cases of invasive breast cancer are expected to be diagnoses in men in 2021.
- Men's risk of breast cancer is about 1 in 833.

# QUALITY MEASURE SATISFACTION

## Cervical Cancer Screening

### Description

Measure identifies female patients 23 through 64 years of age who have had a cervical cancer screening during the measurement period.

### Patient Identification

**Age:** 23 through 64 years of age at the start of the reporting period

**Gender:** Female

**Encounter:** One FQHC visit during the measurement period and one FQHC medical visit during the reporting period (CPT: 99202-99205, 99211-99215, 99341-99345, 99347-99350, 99381-99387, 99391-H99397)

### Not included in the population:

1. Patients who had a hysterectomy with no residual cervix or Congenital absence of Cervix as indicated through:
  - a. Billing one of the following procedure codes (CPT: 51925, 57540, 57545, 57550, 57555, 57556, 58150, 58152, 58200, 58210, 58240, 58260, 58262, 58263, 58267, 58270, 58275, 58280, 58285, 58290, 58291, 58292, 58293, 58294, 58548, 58550, 58552, 58553, 58554, 58570, 58571, 58572, 58573, 58951, 58953, 58954, 58956, 59135, 58575)
  - b. Having hysterectomy with no residual cervix as a documented procedure in the patient's Surgical History/ Problem section.
  - c. Having congenital absence of cervix in the patient's problem section.
2. Patients who were in hospice care during the measurement period

**Note:** Patients under hospice can be identified by documenting any one of the following as an active problem in the patient's problem list:

1. Hospice care management
2. Hospice care

### Measure Satisfaction

Measure is satisfied by one of the following:

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1. For patients 23-64: The receipt of a result for a cervical cancer screening (PAP) testing within the past 3 years
2. For patients: The receipt of a result with human papillomavirus (HPV) testing within the past 5 years
3. Documenting the date of last pap smear in GYN history as a structure date within the past 3 years
4. By selecting the option that the PAP test performed within 3 years OR HPV test performed withing 5 years in the quality tab and entering the date

# QUALITY GOALS

Ensuring that the cervical cancer screening measure is being satisfied, we are collaborating and utilizing all our resources to ensure our patients receive quality care. Providers, clinical staff and the Quality team are among our primary resources we use in satisfying cervical cancer screening and spreading awareness.

In addition, as variants of COVID-19 are present, Henry J. Austin Health Center efforts are continuing to be focused on responding to our patient population needs in COVID-19 testing, providing vaccinations and booster 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	December	January
Breast CA	UDS	41%	32%
Cervical CA	UDS	44%	46%
Childhood immunizations (fully)	UDS	16%	11%
Colorectal CA	UDS	22%	19%
Hypertension	UDS	33%	13%
<i>Diabetes</i>	<i>UDS</i>	<i>51%</i>	<i>86%</i>
HIV (Screening)	UDS	36%	43%
IVD	UDS	92%	88%
Adult BMI	UDS	21%	25%
Depression (Follow-Up)	UDS	50%	47%
Pediatric Dental Sealants	UDS	45%	20%
Statin Therapy	UDS	83%	79%
Tobacco Use	UDS	52%	27%
Pediatric BMI & Counseling	UDS	55%	29%

### Scorecard Key

Measure type - UDS

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## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

*"The time is always right to do what's  
right"- Martin Luther King Jr.*

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