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Please refer to the OCM Measure Specification to identify the data elements and OCM code sets to be used for reporting this measure.

1. For Beneficiary-Level Reporting:
   a. If patient is a Qualifying OCM FFS Beneficiary as Defined in Section 2.1 of the “OCM Clinical Data and Quality Measures Guide,” patient should be reported in the OCM Registry. Proceed to check Patient Age.
   b. If patient is not a Qualifying OCM FFS Beneficiary as Defined in Section 2.1 of the “OCM Clinical Data and Quality Measures Guide,” stop processing. Patient does not qualify as an OCM FFS Beneficiary and patient-level data should not be reported to the OCM Registry.

2. For Aggregate-Level Reporting:
   a. If patient is a Qualifying Practice-Level Patient with “Colon Cancer Diagnosis” Code (see “OCM Tech Spec Value Set” OCM-8 tab), include the patient in aggregate-level totals for reporting to the OCM Registry. Proceed to check Patient Age.
   b. If patient is not a Qualifying Practice-Level Patient with “OCM Colon Cancer Diagnosis” Code (see “OCM Tech Spec Value Set” OCM-8 tab), stop processing. Patient does not qualify as a Practice-Level Patient and should not be included in aggregate-level totals that are reported to the OCM Registry.

3. Check Patient Age:
   a. If Patient Age at Time of Colon Cancer Diagnosis >= 18 Years and <= 79 Years equals No, do not include in Denominator. Stop processing.
   b. If Patient Age at Time of Colon Cancer Diagnosis >= 18 Years and <= 79 Years equals Yes, check Primary Tumors of the Colon.

4. Check Primary Tumors of the Colon:
   a. If Primary Tumors of the Colon Within 12 Months Before End of Measurement Period equals No, do not include in Denominator. Stop processing.
   b. If Primary Tumors of the Colon Within 12 Months Before End of Measurement Period equals Yes, check Patient Diagnosis of Cancer.

5. Check Patient Diagnosis of Cancer:
   a. If First or Only Cancer Diagnosis equals No, do not include in Denominator. Stop processing.
   b. If First or Only Cancer Diagnosis equals Yes, check Surgical Treatment.
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6. Check Surgical Treatment:
   a. If Surgical Treatment of Primary Colon Cancer Site equals No, do not include in Denominator. Stop processing.
   b. If Surgical Treatment of Primary Colon Cancer Site equals Yes, check Epithelial Invasive Malignancy Only.

7. Check Epithelial Invasive Malignancy Only:
   a. If Epithelial Invasive Malignancy Only equals No, do not include in Denominator. Stop processing.
   b. If Epithelial Invasive Malignancy Only equals Yes, check Behavior Code.

8. Check Behavior Code:
   a. If Behavior Code = Invasive equals No, do not include in Denominator. Stop processing.
   b. If Behavior Code = Invasive equals Yes, check At Least One Regional Lymph Node Positive for Cancer.

9. Check At Least One Regional Lymph Node Positive for Cancer:
   a. If At Least One Regional Lymph Node Positive for Cancer (AJCC Stage III) equals No, do not include in Denominator. Stop processing.
   b. If At Least One Regional Lymph Node Positive for Cancer (AJCC Stage III) equals Yes, check First Course of Treatment.

10. Check First Course of Treatment:
    a. If All or Part of First Course of Treatment Coordinated by Reporting Practice equals No, do not include in Denominator. Stop processing.
    b. If All or Part of First Course of Treatment Coordinated by Reporting Practice equals Yes, include in Denominator. Proceed to check Metastatic Disease.

11. Check Metastatic Disease:
    a. If Metastatic Disease (AJCC Stage IV) equals Yes, include in Denominator Exclusions. Stop processing.
    b. If Metastatic Disease (AJCC Stage IV) equals No, check Clinical M or Pathologic M.

12. Check Clinical M or Pathologic M:
    a. If Clinical M or Pathologic M equals Yes, include in Denominator Exclusions. Stop processing.
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b. If Clinical M or Pathologic M equals No, check In Situ Disease.

13. Check In Situ Disease:

a. If In Situ Disease equals Yes, include in Denominator Exclusions. Stop processing.

b. If In Situ Disease equals No, check Patient Expired.

14. Check Patient Expired:

a. If Expired Within 4 Months (120 Days) of Colon Cancer Diagnosis equals Yes, include in Denominator Exclusions. Stop processing.

b. If Expired Within 4 Months (120 Days) of Colon Cancer Diagnosis equals No, check Participating in Clinical Trial.

15. Check Participating in Clinical Trial:

a. If Participating in Clinical Trial for Colon Cancer Impacting Treatment Overlaps Measurement Period equals Yes, include in Denominator Exclusions. Stop processing.

b. If Participating in Clinical Trial for Colon Cancer Impacting Treatment Overlaps Measurement Period equals No, check Chemotherapy Administered.

16. Check Chemotherapy Administered:

a. If Chemotherapy Administered Within 4 Months (120 Days) of Diagnosis equals Yes, include in Numerator. Stop processing.

b. If Chemotherapy Administered Within 4 Months (120 Days) of Diagnosis equals No, check Chemotherapy Recommended and Not Received.

17. Check Chemotherapy Recommended and Not Received:

a. If Chemotherapy Recommended and Not Received Within 4 Months (120 Days) of Diagnosis equals Yes, include in Numerator. Stop processing.

b. If Chemotherapy Recommended and Not Received Within 4 Months (120 Days) of Diagnosis equals No, do not include in Numerator. Stop processing.