

ASPS 23: Avoidance of Opioid Prescriptions for Reconstruction After Skin Cancer Resection

Electronic health records (EHRs) collect and organize notes, medication lists, and patient information using various formats. With providers also documenting this information in unique ways, this can potentially cause confusion and an increased timeline for measure mapping with DataDerm. This tip sheet can help you manage reporting requirements for performance measures and streamline standard documentation practices to allow seamless data pull into DataDerm.

The DataDerm team will work with you to connect DataDerm with your EHR to extract data. To make the process as smooth as possible, it helps to document key elements of patient care. DataDerm cannot read scanned images of any kind, including scanned images for labs, letters to physicians, pathology reports, follow-up plans, and dates. If you have scanned images with information needed for your measures, please add a note in your chart with the date and required patient information for this data to be accurately collected.

This tip sheet can assist paper-based practices in standardizing documentation practices. Keeping notes in the patient's paper chart of all documentation requirements will assist you when reporting for this measure.

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For all patients, aged 18 and older, document the following in your notes:

- Diagnosis of skin cancers (including in situ disease)
 - C43 – C44,
 - D03 – D04
- CPT code for patient encounter during reporting period
 - 14000, 14001, 14020, 14021, 14040, 14041, 14060, 14061 14301, 14350 15050 15100, 15120 15200, 15220, 15240, 15260 15570, 15572, 15574, 15576 15730, 15740, 15760 67971, 67973, 67974, 67975
- Document in your notes patients who were prescribed opioid/narcotic therapy as first line treatment for post-operative pain management by the reconstructing surgeon.
- List of narcotic/opioid medications that should **not** be prescribed:
 - morphine, oxycodone, fentanyl, oxymorphone, hydromorphone, buprenorphine, meperidine, codeine, butorphanol, levorphanol, sufentanil, pentazocine, tapentadol, hydrocodone
- If the patient is not eligible, note in the medical record if applicable:
 - Patients who cannot take non-opioid pain medications (i.e. patients with chronic kidney disease, COPD, allergy to non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medications and acetaminophen; or
 - Documented contraindication to non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medications and acetaminophen, cirrhosis/liver disease
 - Procedure was of the forehead, lips, and other anatomical areas considered exceptionally painful.

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Additional Tips:

- The measure applies to first line treatment only.
- This is an inverse measure where a lower score indicates higher quality.
- Reconstruction after skin cancer resection includes tissue rearrangements, grafts, or flaps. Primary or complex linear closures are not included.

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