

Cancer Screening Status Reports (CSSR) in Netcare Tips for Integrating Them into Primary Care Practices

The new Cancer Screening Status Report, available in Netcare, will indicate at a glance if a patient is due for breast, cervical and colorectal cancer screening or follow-up. Below are tips for primary care practices to refer to when using Netcare's new Cancer Screening Status Report.

Practice Characteristics	Cancer Screening Status Report Tips
<p>Practice Level 1</p> <p>>No electronic medical record (EMR) and no means of tracking and follow-up of screening status for patients. <i>(Note some practices have comprehensive paper based method for tracking ASaP screening maneuvers and manual methods for reminders - if so see Level 3)</i></p>	<p>Opportunistic Screening</p> <p>>Medical Office Assistants or Panel Managers (MOA/PM) consult Netcare before visit to determine cancer screening status and "flag" patients due for screening or follow-up testing for provider (physician, primary care nurse or nurse practitioner) for follow-up during visit</p> <p>>MOA/PM's routinely check screening status of walk-in patients and flag patients due for screening</p>
<p>Practice Level 2</p> <p>>Clinic has EMR which is used primarily for scheduling and billing purposes and not for screening reminders, flags and informational continuity.</p> <p>>Clinic willing to begin to leverage their EMR to be a tool to promote continuity of comprehensive primary care</p> <p>>Clinic interested in creating patient panels and moving towards a Medical Home</p>	<p>Opportunistic Screening</p> <p>>MOA/PM's consult Netcare before visit to determine cancer screening status and "flag" patients with appointments due for screening or follow-up testing for physician follow-up during visit</p> <p>>MOA/PM's routinely check screening status of walk-in patients and flag patients due for screening</p> <p>Practice Development Opportunity</p> <p>Consult your Primary Care Network to obtain practice supports to implement EMR based system improvements to promote informational continuity. Automate the implementation screening flags and reminders using the CSSR in Netcare to update your EMR's screening status fields and rules</p> <p>Also utilize supports from the Alberta Medical Association: http://www.topalbertadoctors.org/asap/ to implement ASaP</p>
<p>Practice Level 3</p> <p>>Clinic utilizes EMR as a tool to support comprehensive primary care characterized by both informational and relational continuity and has fully or partially implemented ASaP including the three cancer screening maneuvers</p> <p>>Utilizes full EMR functionality such as flags and reminders for screening maneuvers</p>	<p>EMR Screening Data Verification</p> <p>>Use the CSSR info to populate the EMR for new patients and verify current information to capture variances due to multiple provider/physicians ordering tests, etc.</p> <p>>MOA/PM's routinely verify screening status by comparing the EMR status with status provided by the new Cancer Screening Status Report</p> <p>> At this level the panel manager can enable future flags and reminders.</p> <p>>MOA/PM's routinely check screening status of walk-in patients and flag patients due for screening</p> <p>>Best possible screening practice includes using EMR generated lists to facilitate outreach (e.g. calling in patients due for screening)</p>

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