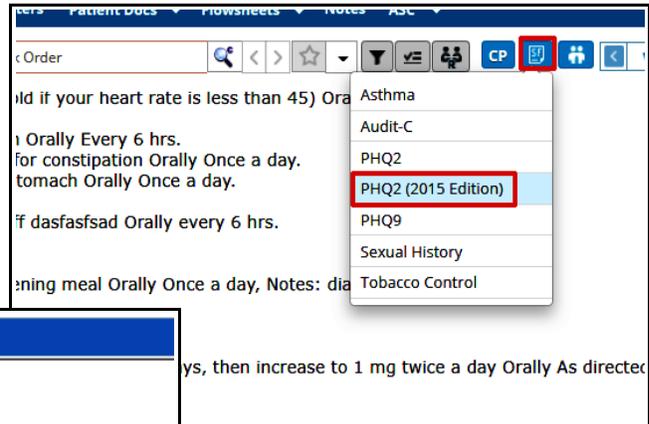


Quality Measure: Screening for Depression, and Documenting a Follow-Up Plan in eCW 11e

Depression screening remains one of the quality measures for Prima CARE in 2020. Although the quality measure requires screening only once a year, given the prevalence of depression in primary care, more frequent screening certainly makes sense.

The PHQ-2 smartform is opened from the smartform dropdown at the upper left corner of the progress note – now called “PHQ2 (2015 Edition)”.



Smart Form

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Little interest or pleasure in doing things?

Not at all
 Several days
 More than half the days
 Nearly every day
 Declined to specify

Feeling down, depressed, or hopeless?

Not at all
 Several days
 More than half the days
 Nearly every day

Any score above 0 on the PHQ-2 requires that a PHQ-9 smartform be completed (note that if the PHQ-2 is > 1, then the PHQ-9 smartform opens automatically).

If the PHQ-9 is less than 9 (a score of 0 to 8), no further documentation needs to be done (though further assessment of a patient with a lower PHQ-9 score may be clinically indicated based upon the provider's impression).

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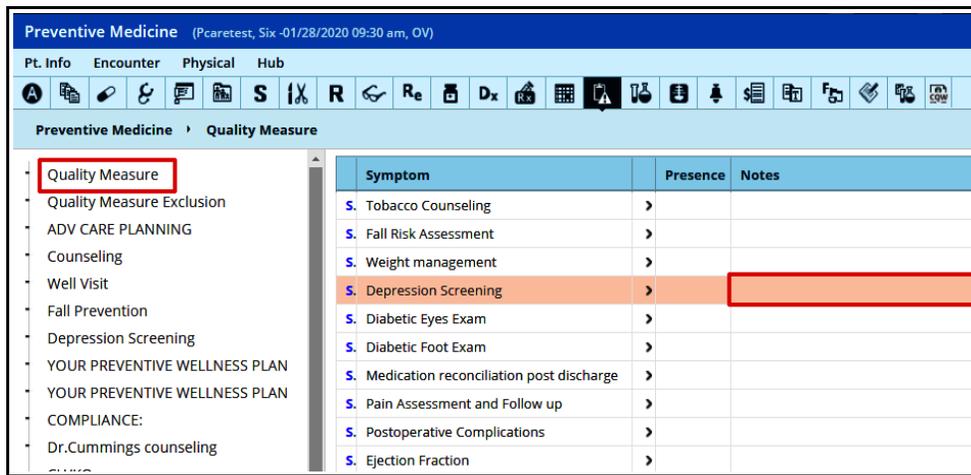
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PATIENT HEALTH QUESTIONNAIRE (PHQ-9)

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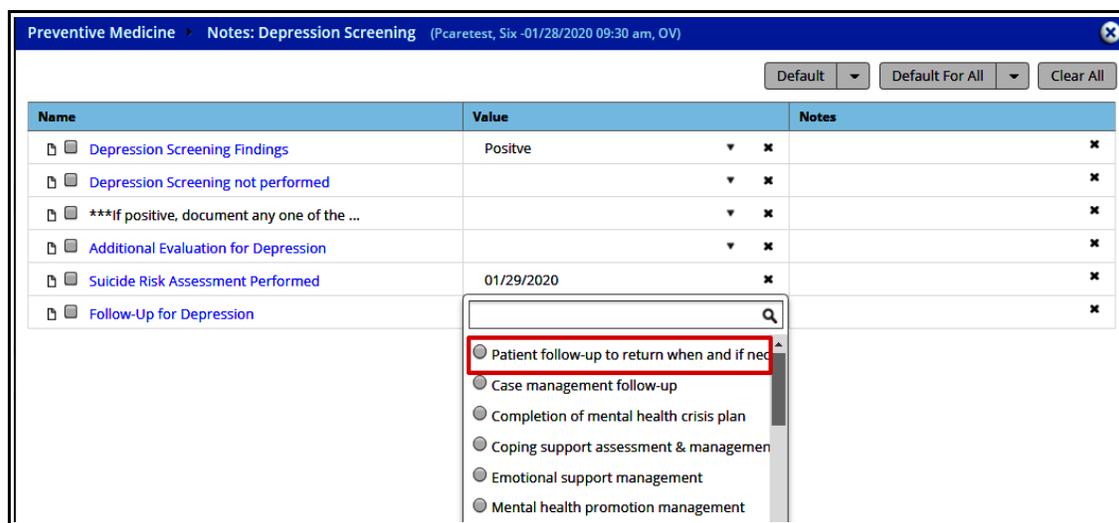
Over the last 2 weeks, how often have you been bothered by any of the following problems?
 (Use "x" to indicate your answer)

	Not at all	Several days	More than
1) Little interest or pleasure in doing things	0	1	
2) Feeling down, depressed, or hopeless	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3) Trouble falling or staying asleep, or sleeping too much	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
4) Feeling tired or having little energy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
5) Poor appetite or overeating	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
6) Feeling bad about yourself (that you are a failure, or have let yourself or your family down)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	



For a PHQ-9 score of 9 or greater, a plan of action needs to be documented in the Quality Measures sub-folder of the Preventive Medicine folder.

Select “Positive” from the first item on the form. Selecting the box next to “Suicide Risk Assessment Performed” enters the current date. I don't like most of the choices in the “Follow-Up for Depression” dropdown, and usually just leave it as “Patient follow-up to return when and if necessary”.



I then go back to the progress note and document what I am really doing for the patient – medication, referral for counseling, or nonpharmacological suggestions - and definitely a follow-up visit in whatever time frame I think the symptoms warrant.

I was told in the past that simply prescribing an antidepressant fulfills the quality measure for a positive PHQ-9 – but completing the quality measure form is also suggested.

Steward also has a quality measure for documenting depression remission – which is defined as a PHQ-9 score done at a subsequent visit with a score of < 5. This is not, however, one of the measures for Prima CARE in 2020.

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January 29, 2020