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Notes

- 1) QOF has been in operation since 2003 as the landscape within the NHS and Primary Care changes, the QOF dataset and rulesets must change in accordance with that new landscape. QOF is categorised as one of many Quality Services and a Quality Service has a start date (Quality Service Start Date) and an end date (Quality Service End Date). For QOF these reflect the QOF Year (i.e. 1st April to 31st March).
- 2) The specified dataset and rulesets are to support analysis of extracted data to reflect the status at a specified point in time of patient records held by the practice. In the context of this document that specified time point is designated the use of a number of dates. The dates are as follows
 - a) **ACHIEVEMENT_DAT**: The date up to which patient information is considered when determining the output for each extraction.
 - For QOF 2014/15, **ACHIEVEMENT_DAT** will vary for each extraction depending on the reporting period for that extraction, e.g. for the end of **September extraction** it would have a value of **30.09.2014**; for the end of **March extraction** it would have a value of **31.03.2015**.
 - b) **PAYMENTPERIODEND_DAT**: The end date of the period for which payments are made for a given Quality Service. For any given Quality Service there will be one or more payment periods.
 - For QOF 2014/15, **PAYMENTPERIODEND_DAT** is **31.03.2015**
 - c) **QUALITY_SERVICE_START_DAT (QSSD)**: The start of the period during which a GP Practice provides the Quality Service
 - For QOF 2014/15, **QUALITY_SERVICE_START_DAT (QSSD)** is **01.04.2014**, however it is not utilised within the QOF dataset and rulesets.
 - d) **QUALITY_SERVICE_END_DAT (QSED)**: The end of the period during which a GP Practice provides the Quality Service
 - For QOF 2014/15, **QUALITY_SERVICE_END_DAT (QSED)** is **31.03.2015**
- 3) When interpreting these dates midnight is to be taken as meaning
 - a) **for the 'start of a period'**: the midnight is at the start of that day, For example; **"If CSMOK_DAT > (PAYMENTPERIODEND_DAT – 24 months)"**
This example is used to determine if a code has been recorded in the 24 months preceding end of the payment period. If PAYMENTPERIODEND_DAT has a value of 31.03.2015, then this condition uses a value of 31.03.2013, but to be true the recorded code must be **after** 31.03.2013 and therefore this equates to the midnight between 31.03.2013 and 01.04.2013. This means information effective on 31st March will be excluded but information effective on 1st April will be included for the extraction.
 - b) **for the 'end of a period'**: the midnight at the end of that day, For example; **"Earliest <= ACHIEVEMENT_DAT"**
This example is used to determine if a recorded code has been recorded before the achievement date. If ACHIEVEMENT_DAT has a value of 30th September (i.e. the end of September extraction) then this condition uses a value of 30.09.2014, but to be true the recorded code must be **on or before** 30.09.2014 and therefore this equates to the midnight between 30.09.2014 and 01.10.2014. This means information

effective on 30th September will be included but information effective on 1st October will be excluded from the extraction.

- c) **for Patient Age:** the midnight at the end of that day, For example;
"Patients age (years) at ACHIEVEMENT_DAT"
 This example is used to determine a patients age, in years, at the achievement date. If ACHIEVEMENT_DAT has a value of 30th September (i.e. the end of September extraction) then this condition determines a patient age as of 30.09.2014. Therefore this equates to the midnight between 30.09.2014 and 01.10.2014.
- 4) To support accurate determination of the population of patients to which the indicators should relate (the denominator population) these rulesets have been compiled with a prior assumption all of the dates (described in point 2 above) are specified prior to extraction of data and are available for computation in the data extraction routine. The dates are required to will also be required to be included in the data extraction to support processing of rules that are dependent upon them. It is possible that an alternative approach could be adopted in which rules to determine the denominator population by registration status would be applied as a component of rule processing. If this second approach were to be adopted it would be essential to specify default time criteria for determining the registration characteristics of the denominator population during the data extraction process. Additionally there would be a requirement to supplement the dataset and rulesets to support identification of the appropriate denominator population.
- 5) Clinical codes quoted are (where known) from the October 2014 release of Read codes version 2 and clinical terms version 3 (CTV3). The codes are shown within the document as a 5 character value to show that the Read Code is for a 5-Byte system.
- i) Where a '%' wildcard is displayed, the Read Code is filled to 5 characters with full-stops. When implementing a search for the Read Code, only the non full-stop values should be used in the search, For example, a displayed Read Code of c1...% should be implemented as a search for c1%, i.e. should find c1 and any of it's children.
 - ii) Where a range of read codes are displayed, the Read Code is filled to 5 characters with full-stops. When implementing the search, only the non full-stop values should be used in the search, For example, a displayed Read Code range of G342. – G3z.. should find all codes between G342 and G3z (including any children where applicable).
- 6) Datasets comprise a specification of two elements:
- a) Patient selection criteria. These are the criteria used to determine the patient population against whom the indicators are to be applied.
 - i) Registration status. This determines the current patient population at the practice
 - ii) Diagnostic code status. This determines the current patient population (register size) for a given clinical condition

There are three scenarios within the diagnostic code status, these are where

- There is a single morbidity patient population (disease register) required (e.g. within CHD). Where this occurs, a single set of rules for identifying the patient population is provided.
- There is a single co-morbidity patient population (disease register) required (e.g. within Smoking). Where this occurs, a set of rules for **each** morbidity is provided. A patient **must** only be included in the patient population (register size) **once**.

- There are multiple patient populations (disease registers) required (e.g. within Heart Failure). Where this occurs, a single set of rules for **each** patient population is provided.
N.B. where there are multiple patient populations (disease registers), it is possible that one or more will also be a co-morbidity patient population (e.g. within Depression)

Where this occurs, details of which register population applies to which indicator(s) are provided. Where the register size applies to an indicator, this is the base denominator population for that indicator.

- b) Clinical data extraction criteria. These are the data items to be exported from the clinical system for subsequent processing to calculate points allocations. They are expressed in the form of a MIQUEST 'Report-style' extract of data.

The record of each patient that satisfies the appropriate selection criteria for a given indicator will be interrogated against the clinical data criteria (also appropriate to that indicator). A report of the data contained in the selected records will be exported in the form of a fixed-format tabular report. Each selected patient will be represented by a single row in the report, unless the operator "ALL" is used.

The "ALL" statement is used within the Qualifying Criteria for the Clinical data extraction criteria. Typically the selection for a READCODE_COD cluster field is based on a date of "LATEST" or "EARLIEST". The "ALL" statement is used to select all occurrences of any of the codes within the READCODE_COD cluster. It selects an array of instances, of which there may be more than one for each patient.

Rows will contain a fixed number of fields each containing a single data item. The number of fields in each row and their data content will be determined by the clinical data criteria. Data items that match the clinical data criteria will be exported in the relevant field of the report. Where there is no data to match a specific clinical criterion a null field will be exported.

- 7) Rulesets are specified as multiple rules to be processed sequentially. Processing of rules should terminate as soon as a 'Reject' or 'Select' condition is encountered
- 8) Rules are expressed as logical statements that evaluate as either 'true' or 'false'. The following operators are required to be supported:
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|---------------------|--------|
| a) > (greater than) | e) AND |
| b) < (less than) | f) OR |
| c) = (equal to) | g) NOT |
| d) ≠ (not equal to) | |
- 9) Where date criteria are specified with intervals of multiples of months or years these should be interpreted as calendar months or calendar years.

Dataset Specification

1) Patient selection criteria:

a) Registration status

<u>Current registration status</u>	<u>Qualifying criteria</u>
Currently registered for GMS	Most recent registration date <= ACHIEVEMENT_DAT
Previously registered for GMS	Any sequential pairing of registration date and deregistration date where both of the following conditions are met: registration date <= (ACHIEVEMENT_DAT); and deregistration date > (ACHIEVEMENT_DAT)

b) Diagnostic code status

<i>Code criteria</i>	<i>Qualifying diagnostic codes</i>		<i>Time criteria</i>
<i>Included</i>	<i>Read codes v2</i>	<i>CTV3</i>	<i>Latest <= (ACHIEVEMENT_DAT)</i>
	H33..% (excluding H333.), H3120, 173A.	H33..% (excluding H44..%, H441., H440., X1025%, X1023, XaKdk, XaJFG, Xa1hD) X1020	
	<i>(Asthma diagnosis codes)</i>		
<i>Excluded</i>	<i>Read codes v2</i>	<i>CTV3</i>	<i>Latest <= (ACHIEVEMENT_DAT) AND > Date of diagnostic code above</i>
	21262 212G.	21262	
	<i>(Codes for asthma resolved)</i>		

	<i>Read codes v2</i>	<i>CTV3</i>	
<i>Required</i>	c1... - c15z. c19..% c1B.. - c1EE. c1b..% c2...% (Excluding c23..%, c24..%) c3...% (Excluding c32..%) c4...% (Excluding c42..%, c44..%) c5...% (Excluding c52..%) c6...% c7...% cA...% ck1..%	c1...% (Excluding c16..%, x01Cn%, x01Co%, x01Ct%, x01Df%, x01Cp%) x02IG% c221., c222., c224., c226., c227. c31..% (Excluding l863.%, l861.%, l865., l866.) c33..% c41..% c43..% c51G., c51H., c51n. c64..% c69..% c6A..% c6B..% cA...% x01EF% c71..% x02LJ% (Excluding k6k1.%, l89.., k6k..) x01EJ% (Excluding k6e1.%, l891.%, k6e.., l89..) ck1..% c341. c342.	Latest > (ACHIEVEMENT_DAT - 1y) AND <= ACHIEVEMENT_DAT
	<i>(Asthma-related drug treatment codes)</i>		

**N.B. Codes required to be present from both groups to qualify a patient for inclusion*

2) Clinical data extraction criteria

<u>Field Number</u>	<u>Field name</u>	<u>Data item</u>		<u>Qualifying criteria</u>
1	PAT_ID	Patient ID number		Unconditional
2	REG_DAT	Date of patient registration		Latest <= ACHIEVEMENT_DAT
3	PAT_AGE	Patients age (years) at ACHIEVEMENT_DAT		Unconditional
4	ASTEXC_COD	<i>Read codes v2</i>	<i>CTV3</i>	Latest <= ACHIEVEMENT_DAT
		9hA..% 9OJ2.	XaJ4W% 9OJ2.	
		<i>(Asthma exception reporting codes)</i>		
5	ASTEXC_DAT	Date of ASTEXC_COD		Chosen record
6	AST_COD	<i>Read codes v2</i>	<i>CTV3</i>	Earliest <= ACHIEVEMENT_DAT
		H33..% (excluding H333.), H3120, 173A.	H33..% (excluding H44..%, H441., H440.%, X1025%, X1023, XaKdk, XaJFG, Xa1hD) X1020	
		<i>(Asthma diagnosis codes)</i>		
7	AST_DAT	Date of AST_COD		Chosen record

8	ASTSPIR_COD	<i>Read codes v2</i>	<i>CTV3</i>	Latest <= ACHIEVEMENT_DAT
		33G1. 33H1. 33I1. 33J1. 33K1. 745D4 663J. 8HRC.	XaFrX XaIUg XaIUh XaIUj XaIUk XaXeg 663J. XaK02	
		<i>(Spirometry codes for Asthma)</i>		
9	ASTSPIR_DAT	Date of ASTSPIR_COD		Chosen record
10	PEFR_COD	<i>Read codes v2</i>	<i>CTV3</i>	Latest <= ACHIEVEMENT_DAT
		339n. 33950 339A. 339B. 339c. 339d. 339g. 66YX. 66YY. 66Yc.	XaJEg XaXHh XaIxT, XaIxS, X77RW, XaEHe, XaEGA, XaIxD%, XaJvW	
		<i>(PEFR codes)</i>		
11	PEFR_DAT	Date of PEFR_COD		Chosen record

12	SMOK_COD	<i>Read codes v2</i>	<i>CTV3</i>	Latest <= ACHIEVEMENT_DAT
		137.. - 137D. 137F. - 137H. 137J., 137K. 137M. - 137T. 137V. 137X. - 137h. (excluding 137g.) 137j., 137l., 137m. 137o.	Ub0oo% (excluding XE0oo, XaIQi% Ub0oq, 137L., XaQzw, XaXP9, XaXP8, XaXP6, Ub0oo, XaIuQ, Ub0p2, Ub0p3)	
<i>(Smoking habit codes)</i>				
13	SMOK_DAT	Date of SMOK_COD		Chosen record
14	REV_COD	<i>Read codes v2</i>	<i>CTV3</i>	ALL > (ACHIEVEMENT_DAT - 12 months) AND <= ACHIEVEMENT_DAT
		66YJ. 66YK. 66YQ. 66YR. 8B3j. 9OJA.	XaIeq XaIu5 XaIu6 XaIer XaIfK XE2Nb	
<i>(Asthma review codes)</i>				
15	{REV_DAT}	Dates of REV_COD		Chosen array
16	RCPEXCER_COD	<i>Read codes v2</i>	<i>CTV3</i>	ALL > (ACHIEVEMENT_DAT - 12 months) AND <= ACHIEVEMENT_DAT
		6635. 663P. 663Q. 663e. 663e0	6635. 663P. 663Q. 663e. 663e0	

		663e1 663f. 663w. 663x. 663P0 663P1 663P2	663e1 663f. XaINf XaINg XaXZs XaXZu XaXZx	
		<i>(Asthma Exercise Codes)</i>		
16	{RCPEXCER_DAT}	Dates of RCPEXCER_COD		Chosen array
17	RCPSLP_COD	<i>Read codes v2</i>	<i>CTV3</i>	ALL > (ACHIEVEMENT_DAT - 12 months) AND <= ACHIEVEMENT_DAT
		663N. 663N0 663N1 663N2 663O. 663O0 663r. 66YP. 66Ys. 66Yq. 66Yr.	663N. 663N0 663N1 663N2 663O. 663O0 XaINZ XaIoE XaY2V XaXZm XaXZp	
		<i>(Asthma Sleep Codes)</i>		
18	{RCPSLP_DAT}	Dates of RCPSLP_COD		Chosen array
19	RCPDSYMP_COD	<i>Read codes v2</i>	<i>CTV3</i>	ALL > (ACHIEVEMENT_DAT - 12 months) AND <= ACHIEVEMENT_DAT
		663q. 663s. 663t. 663u. 663v.	XaIIZ XaINa XaINb XaINc XaINd	

		<i>(Asthma Day Symptom Codes)</i>		
20	{RCPDSYMP_DAT}	Dates of RCPDSYMP_COD		Chosen array
21	SMOKASTEXC_COD	<i>Read codes v2</i>	<i>CTV3</i>	Latest <= ACHIEVEMENT_DAT
		137k.	XaPyn	
		<i>(Asthma Smoking exception reporting codes)</i>		
22	SMOKASTEXC_DAT	Date of SMOKASTEXC_COD		Chosen record
23	SPEX_COD	<i>Read codes v2</i>	<i>CTV3</i>	Latest <= ACHIEVEMENT_DAT
		8I3b. 8I6L. 8I2j. 33720	XaK27 XaK2A XaWPN XaXIR	
		<i>(Spirometry exception codes)</i>		
24	SPEX_DAT	Date of SPEX_COD		Chosen record

Indicator rulesets

- 1 Indicator AST001: The contractor establishes and maintains a register of patients with asthma, excluding patients with asthma who have been prescribed no asthma-related drugs in the preceding 12 months.

The terms of this indicator will be satisfied if the practice is able to produce a data extraction according to the above criteria.

No numerator or denominator determination is required.

- 2 Indicator AST002: The percentage of patients aged 8 or over with asthma (diagnosed on or after 1 April 2006), on the register, with measures of variability or reversibility recorded between 3 months before and any time after diagnosis.

a) Denominator ruleset

<i>Rule number</i>	<i>Rule</i>	<i>Action if true</i>	<i>Action if false</i>
1	If <u>PAT AGE</u> < 8	Reject	Next rule
2	If <u>AST DAT</u> < 01.04.2006	Reject	Next rule
3	If <u>ASTSPIR DAT</u> >= (<u>AST DAT</u> – 3 months)	Select	Next rule
4	If <u>PEFR DAT</u> >= (<u>AST DAT</u> – 3 months)	Select	Next rule
5	If <u>SPEX DAT</u> > (<u>PAYMENTPERIODEND DAT</u> – 12 months)	Reject	Next rule
6	If <u>REG DAT</u> > (<u>PAYMENTPERIODEND DAT</u> – 3 months)	Reject	Next rule
7	If <u>ASTEXC DAT</u> > (<u>PAYMENTPERIODEND DAT</u> – 12 months)	Reject	Next rule
8	If <u>AST DAT</u> > (<u>PAYMENTPERIODEND DAT</u> – 3 months)	Reject	Select

b) Numerator ruleset: To be applied to the above denominator population

<i>Rule number</i>	<i>Rule</i>	<i>Action if true</i>	<i>Action if false</i>
1	If <u>ASTSPIR DAT</u> >= (<u>AST DAT</u> – 3 months)	Select	Next rule
2	If <u>PEFR DAT</u> >= (<u>AST DAT</u> – 3 months)	Select	Reject

- 3 Indicator AST003: The percentage of patients with asthma, on the register, who have had an asthma review in the preceding 12 months that includes an assessment of asthma control using the 3 RCP questions.

Overview

This indicator has been developed to measure the effectiveness of the provision of a clinical care component for patients with asthma. The aspect that is being measured is that relating to carrying out (at the same time) a review that includes an assessment using the 3 RCP questions.

Disease register

As defined in indicator AST001 - a register of patients with unresolved asthma, excluding patients with asthma who have been prescribed no asthma-related drugs in the preceding 12 months

Numerator and Denominator

The success criteria for this indicator (**numerator**) are achieved for those patients in the denominator who have a record of a review and a record of being asked each of the 3 RCP questions at the review

The patients that make up the **denominator** for this indicator are those patients where it is appropriate for the care component to be carried out. This is the relevant disease register adjusted for exclusions and exceptions.

Exclusions

For this indicator there are no exclusions

Exceptions

For this indicator the exceptions are:

- any patient who has been registered within the last 3 months of the qualifying year (new patient). New patients may be regarded as exceptions if they fulfil the criteria of the indicator but have not yet had a review and the 3 RCP questions - maybe because there hasn't been an opportunity in the qualifying year to arrange it.
- any patient that has a relevant asthma exception code recorded within the preceding 12 months.
- any patient who has been 'recently diagnosed' as an asthma patient. If the patient has been diagnosed in the last 3 months of the qualifying year (new diagnosis). These patients may be regarded as exceptions if they fulfil the criteria of the indicator but have not yet had a review and the 3 RCP questions - maybe because there hasn't been an opportunity in the qualifying year to arrange it.

Note: For the 'new' asthma patient exception, this is only applicable for the first 'ever' diagnosis of asthma for the patient. For subsequent diagnosis, this exception rule is not considered.

Indicator AST003: The percentage of patients with asthma, on the register, who have had an asthma review in the preceding 12 months that includes an assessment of asthma control using the 3 RCP questions.

a) Denominator ruleset

<i>Rule number</i>	<i>Rule</i>	<i>Action if true</i>	<i>Action if false</i>
1	Find ANY REV_DAT WHERE { REV_DAT } = { RCPEXCER_DAT } = { RCPSLP_DAT } = { RCPDSYMP_DAT }	Select	Next rule
2	If REG_DAT > (PAYMENTPERIODEND_DAT - 3 months)	Reject	Next rule
3	If ASTEXC_DAT > (PAYMENTPERIODEND_DAT - 12 months)	Reject	Next rule
4	If AST_DAT > (PAYMENTPERIODEND_DAT - 3 months)	Reject	Select

b) Numerator ruleset: To be applied to the above denominator population

<i>Rule number</i>	<i>Rule</i>	<i>Action if true</i>	<i>Action if false</i>
1	Find ANY REV_DAT WHERE { REV_DAT } = { RCPEXCER_DAT } = { RCPSLP_DAT } = { RCPDSYMP_DAT }	Select	Reject

Additional Notes:

Denominator

Success

Rule 1: The patient must have had an asthma review within the preceding 12 months. If there is a date within the preceding 12 months where a review and each of the 3 RCP questions has occurred then the patient is selected into the denominator otherwise they are passed on to the next rule.

Exceptions

It is worth remembering at this point that if a patient has a review within the preceding 12 months that included each of the 3 RCP questions they will already have been selected into the denominator in Rule 1.

Rule 2: The aim of this rule is to identify any patient that 'recently registered' at the practice. If the patient has registered at the practice in the last 3 months, the patient should not be included in the denominator. If the patient was not registered in the last 3 months they are passed on to the next rule.

Rule 3: The aim of this rule is to identify any patient that has a valid asthma exception code recorded. If this has been recorded in the preceding 12 months, the patient can be excepted and is not included in the denominator. Otherwise they are passed on to the next rule.

Rule 4: The aim of this rule is to identify any patient that has been 'recently diagnosed' as an asthma patient. If the patient has been diagnosed in the last 3 months, the patient can be excepted and the patient should not be included in the denominator. Otherwise the patient is selected into the denominator.

Numerator

The success criterion for this indicator is as per Denominator Rule 1.

- 4 Indicator AST004: The percentage of patients with asthma aged 14 or over and who have not attained the age of 20, on the register, in whom there is a record of smoking status in the preceding 12 months.

a) Denominator ruleset

<i>Rule number</i>	<i>Rule</i>	<i>Action if true</i>	<i>Action if false</i>
1	If <u>PAT AGE</u> < 14	Reject	Next rule
2	If <u>PAT AGE</u> > 19	Reject	Next rule
3	If <u>SMOK DAT</u> > (<u>PAYMENTPERIODEND DAT</u> - 12 months)	Select	Next rule
4	If <u>SMOKASTEXC DAT</u> > (<u>PAYMENTPERIODEND DAT</u> - 12 months)	Reject	Next rule
5	If <u>REG DAT</u> > (<u>PAYMENTPERIODEND DAT</u> - 3 months)	Reject	Next rule
6	If <u>ASTEXC DAT</u> > (<u>PAYMENTPERIODEND DAT</u> - 12 months)	Reject	Next rule
7	If <u>AST DAT</u> > (<u>PAYMENTPERIODEND DAT</u> - 3 months)	Reject	Select

b) Numerator ruleset: To be applied to the above denominator population

<i>Rule number</i>	<i>Rule</i>	<i>Action if true</i>	<i>Action if false</i>
1	If <u>SMOK DAT</u> > (<u>PAYMENTPERIODEND DAT</u> - 12 months)	Select	Reject