

111: GCSF Administered to Patients Who Received Chemotherapy for Non-Curative Intent (lower score is better)



What is this measure?

- Curative intent chemotherapy – purpose of treatment is to cure
- Non-curative intent chemotherapy – purpose of treatment is to palliate symptoms, prolong life, or prevent development of new symptoms
- Granulocyte colony stimulating factor (GCSF) is used to prevent neutropenia (low white blood cell count) which may be caused by chemotherapy. People who have neutropenia have a higher risk of developing infections.

Why is this measure important?

- GCSF is provided to patients receiving curative intent chemotherapy to maintain neutrophil levels, prevent against infection and to maintain dose intensity of chemotherapy treatment
- GCSF should not be given to people receiving non-curative intent chemotherapy due to:



Side Effects



Cost



Value

What is included in this measure?

- Denominator: Chemotherapy intent is non-curative
- Numerator: Patient received GCSF during course of chemotherapy = YES

Where can abstractors find this information?

- Assessment plan
- Clinic notes
- Chemotherapy teaching note
- Flowsheets
- Consent form
- Abstractors may use the search option in some EMRs