

# 141: Screening for non-medical needs at least once per year



Non-medical needs should be screened in all patients at least once per year.

These needs include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Food
- Housing
- Transportation
- Utilities
- Interpersonal Safety
- Financial Health
- Social Isolation
- Disability status
- Literacy
- Education
- Stress
- Mental Health

## Goals of this measure:

- Implement a standardized process for non-medical needs screening in all MOQC practices.
- Ensure consistent documentation of screening.
- Track screening rates for domains at least once per year.



## Screening Resources:

A variety of screening tools from CMS, MSHIELD, AAFP, and PRAPARE can be found by visiting [moqc.org](https://moqc.org)

## Why is this measure important?

- Screening for non-medical needs is critical for delivering comprehensive and equitable cancer care.
- Non-medical factors can directly impact patients' ability to access treatment and adhere to care plans.
- Identifying these barriers helps cancer care teams connect patients with needed resources, improving treatment outcomes and health advancement.

## How is this measure constructed?

- **Numerator** = Total number of patients screened for non-medical needs within 1 year of the most recent visit
- **Denominator** = Total number of patients seen during reporting period

Exclusions = None

## Where can abstractors find this information?

- Scanned documents or media tab in some EMRs
- Clinic visit notes
- Flowsheets
- Search options available in some EMRs

## References:

Banegas 2025 (JCO OP); Hood 2025 (JNCCN); Haines 2024 (JNCI CS); Chan 2024 (ACS Bull.); Ragavan 2025 (ASCO); ACCC/ACS CAN/AOSW 2024; NCCN WG 2024.

