

Description

- This measure was developed by the Pharmacy Quality Alliance (PQA) to monitor performance on the percentage of patients with diabetes aged 40-75 who were dispensed a statin or statin combination product
- This measure supports improved treatment for patients with diabetes according to recommended clinical guidelines
- Statin intensity is **not** a factor when determining numerator status
- Patients qualify for the measure by having two or more prescription claims during the measurement period for hypoglycemic agents, including insulin



Did You Know?*

- Patients with diabetes who take statin medications lower their risk of developing heart disease
- Risks for heart disease include:
 - High cholesterol
 - High blood pressure
 - Being overweight or obese
 - Smoking
 - High level of sodium in a person's diet
 - Low level of physical activity



Calculation

NUMERATOR =

Patients who have filled at least one statin or statin combination product during the measurement period

DENOMINATOR =

Eligible population of patients with two or more prescription claims for hypoglycemic agents

Additional Resources

[The Pharmacy Quality Alliance](#)

[Pharmacy Times](#)

[NCPA](#)

**Healthline Newsletter -
<https://www.healthline.com/health/statins-for-diabetics-which-is-best>*

*Pharmacy Times -
<https://www.pharmacytimes.com/contributor/david-kim/2017/12/statin-therapy-in-patients-with-diabetes>*