



An update to the criteria for the following tobacco cessation counseling question has been made, effective April 19, 2023.

Was this patient counseled by a doctor or other healthcare worker about quitting cigarettes (this applies to current smokers only)?

MROQC currently defines a current smoker as anyone who was smoking at least one month prior to their current cancer diagnosis.

In a situation where a patient is listed as a former smoker at your site but a current smoker by MROQC's definition, please select "Yes" to this question, stating the patient received counseling, whether or not counseling was done. The assumption is that there was no reason to counsel the patient since the patient had already quit smoking.

This is the only exception to this question.

****Selecting "No" in this situation would cause sites to lose performance measure points. To receive points for this measure, all current smokers must receive some form of smoking cessation counseling. ****

Physician Impact: the prostate project has the referenced question on the P3 physician form.

This update was approved by the team who oversees the tobacco cessation Value Based Reimbursement (VBR) measures (HBOM).