

Hypertension (HTN)

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9000012 Patient(s) that had a serum creatinine in last 12 reported months.

Once HTN is controlled the patient should have an annual provider assessment at minimum to assess patient adherence, patient satisfaction, and changes in target organ function (1). A serum creatinine is recommended at least 1-2 times per year (2). The consensus opinion of experts was the primary source of our recommendation to assess renal function with a serum creatinine at minimum every 12 months since the frequency of assessment is dependent on the clinical status of the patient and is not clearly defined in the literature.

This measure is endorsed by the National Quality Forum (NQF).

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