### A1c Test

**Category**
Secondary Prevention for Persons with Diabetes

**General definition**
The percentage of persons with diabetes who have had at least two A1c tests during the past year.

**Rationale**
Glycemic control is essential for preventing diabetes-related complications. A1c exams provide information on blood sugar levels over the prior 2-3 months. This process indicator provides information about the quality of diabetes care provided.

**Data Sources for this Indicator**
- View All
- National
- State
- Region-Specific

**Recommended by**
- CDC
- Health Disparities Collaboratives
- Indian Health Service
- National Diabetes Quality Improvement Alliance (formerly DQIP)
- NCDP

**DDT national objective**
This indicator links to the Division of Diabetes Translation (DDT) National Objective to increase the percentage of persons with diagnosed diabetes who receive A1c tests.

**HP 2010 objective**
Objective 5-12: To increase the proportion of adults with diabetes who have at least two glycosylated hemoglobin measurements during the year.

**Standards of care**
- American Diabetes Association

**Data summary**
- Medicare Health Plan Compare

**Related links**
- American Diabetes Association: A1c test
- Guide to Community Preventive Services
- Healthy People 2010
- National Diabetes Education Program: Check Your Hemoglobin A1c.1.Q.
- The National Glycohemoglobin Standardization Program

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