



PCP ASSESSMENTS

What are Electronic Medical Assessments?

Electronic medical assessments are patient produced informational gathering tools that will help primary care providers understand and care for their patients in a more impactful way.

What clinical factors are assessed?

Depression

AD/HD

Anxiety

Alcohol Dependence

Opioid Risk

Somatic Symptoms

Functional Impairment

Why should PCP test for these impairments?

1. Federal Mandate
2. Quality Patient Care
3. Improve Patient Well Being
4. Litigation Mitigation
5. Revenue Enhancement

Federal Mandate

The Affordable Care Act mandates that all insurance must cover a list of preventive services without charging a copayment or coinsurance.

This benefit must be granted even if the deductible has not been met.

Which assessments are mandated?

Alcohol Misuse Screening (AUDIT)

Depression Testing (PHQ-9)

Quality Patient Care

All Insurance Companies are requiring more from their network providers.

Providers that do not provide quality patient care may have insurance contracts canceled.

Quote From United Healthcare

"We are working to collaborate with a more focused network of physicians to help us provide higher quality and more affordable health care coverage to meet the needs of our members, and help them get more from their health plan benefits,"

United Healthcare CEO Jack Larsen

Improved Patient Well Being

The CDC Defines Optimal Mental Health as:

“a state of well-being in which the individual realizes his or her own abilities, can cope with the normal stresses of life, can work productively and fruitfully, and is able to make a contribution to his or her community.”

- 1 It is estimated that only about 17% of U.S adults are considered to be in a state of optimal mental health.
- 2 There is emerging evidence that positive mental health is associated with improved health outcomes.

Depression in the US

Depression is the most common type of mental illness, affecting more than 26% of the U.S. adult population.*

It has been estimated that by the year 2020, depression will be the second leading cause of disability throughout the world, trailing only ischemic heart disease.*

Evidence has shown that mental disorders, especially depressive disorders, are strongly related to the occurrence, successful treatment, and course of many chronic diseases including diabetes, cancer, cardiovascular disease, asthma, and obesity*

Litigation Mitigation

A new study published in the [New England Journal of Medicine](#) reports that one in 14 doctors faces a malpractice suit every year.

“As prescription drug overdoses rise nationwide, attorneys are seeing more physicians held liable for negligence. Doctors make easy targets for lawsuits because they often are seen as placing would-be weapons into patients' hands”



Medical Assessments

How Does It Work?

ThoughtSwift has created an electronic, self-scoring format of the assessments.

Patients fill out each assessment in the waiting room on an electronic tablet before being seen by the health care provider.

Each battery of assessments take under five minutes to complete.

The evaluation tool is sent via email to a web address of choice.

Office personnel only have to enter a password and hand the tablet to the patient.

ThoughtSwift Assessment Results Prepared For Doctors in Progress

Patient Name:	Jones, james
Date of Birth:	08/15/1972
Date of Assessment:	02/10/2014

Test	Score	Diagnostic Results
PHQ-15** Somatic Symptom Severity	18	High Risk
PQH-9** Depression Severity	9	Medium Risk
GAD-7** Anxiety Severity	7	Medium Risk
ORT* Opioid Risk	8	High Risk
Functional Impairment or Difficulty		Very Difficult

An easy to read, color-coded evaluation tool is delivered to the medical provider prior to patient assessment. As well as an in depth report showing how every question was answered.

Assessments Provided

PHQ-15 Somatic Symptom Severity

GAD-7 Anxiety Severity

PHQ-9 Depression Severity

ORT Opioid Risk

AUDIT Alcohol Screening

ASRS-V1.1 ADHD Self Report Scale

Reimbursement Codes

Each battery of assessments are assigned the following CPT Codes

G0442 Annual Alcohol Screen

G0444 Depression Annual Screen

96103 Psycho Testing Admin by Computer

Reimbursement Rates

Each battery of assessments assigned
Medicare Non-Facility rates Dallas:

G0442 \$18.08

G0444 \$18.08

96103 \$28.10

Total Of \$64.26 Per Patient

WARNING

Implementation Without Supervision will
Produce Failure

To Make this Program Successful

There has to be a designated person job to give assessments to patients

Management has to follow up.