



Primary Sense

Bowel and Breast Cancer Screening

One of the benefits of quick and easy Primary Sense reports is the ability to access useful and timely information about gaps in patient care. Information from these reports can enable your team to provide the right care at the right time.

Take cancer screening, for example. Cancer screening is an important activity for general practitioners (GPs) as early detection of common cancers can improve treatment outcomes and reduce mortality rates, ultimately benefiting patient health and wellbeing.

With that in mind, general practice staff can utilise Primary Sense in the early detection of cancer.

Two reports highlight cancer screening opportunities for you and your team that offer opportunistic care or plan continuous quality improvement (CQI) activities:

1. Bowel and breast cancer screening
2. Patients missing Practice Incentives Program (PIP) Quality Improvement (QI) or Accreditation Measures, or Patients booked in with missing PIP QI measures.



Figure 1. Cancer screening reports in Primary Sense

Report 1: Bowel and Breast Cancer Screening

The Bowel and Breast Cancer Screening report comprises of two data tables.

Male patients eligible for bowel cancer screening

Lists male patients aged between 50 and 74 years old without evidence of bowel cancer screening in the past two years. This table excludes patients who have a diagnosis of bowel cancer or colostomy, or who have had a colonoscopy in the last two years.

Female patients eligible for breast cancer screening and or bowel cancer screening

Lists female patients aged between 50 and 74 years old without evidence of breast or bowel cancer screening in the last two years. This table excludes patients who have a diagnosis of breast or bowel cancer or colostomy, or who have had a colonoscopy in the last two years.

Both of these tables also include common risk factors, last visit, and next visit date, giving you the flexibility to target specific risk cohorts, or offer opportunistic care to patients as they visit the practice. N/A means the risk factor is not recorded in your system.



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Report 2: Patients missing PIP QI or accreditation measures or Patients booked in with missing PIP QI measures

As the proportion of female patients with an up-to-date cervical screening result is a PIP QI measure, these reports can be used to target female patients where a cervical screening result has not been recorded.

Patients missing PIP QI or accreditation measures

The Patients missing PIP QI or accreditation measures report lists all patients in your clinical database, and marks patients with missing information with an “N” in the appropriate column (N for Not recorded). This can be useful for providing a list when planning a QI activity.

Patients booked in with missing PIP QI measures

The Patients booked in with missing PIP QI measures report lists only those patients with an appointment booking in the next two weeks. This report will be useful for identifying chances to provide opportunistic care.

Further information

For more information about using Primary Sense for cancer screening, or for anything Primary Sense please contact Northern Queensland Primary Health Network's (NQPHN's) Primary Sense team by email at primarysense@nqphn.com.au or call (07) 4034 0300.

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