

Smoking & Tobacco Cessation Counseling For Emergency Room Providers

Types of Patients that Qualify:

- ✓ Patients who use tobacco and have been diagnosed with recognized tobacco-related disease or who exhibit symptoms consistent with tobacco related disease OR
- ✓ Patients who use tobacco regardless of whether they have signs or symptoms of tobacco-related diseases AND
- ✓ Patients must be competent and alert at the time that counseling services are provided.

Include In Documentation:

- ✓ Face to Face Time counseled:
> 3 minutes and < 10 minutes= CPT 99406 & CMS G0436
- ✓ Best practice include diagnoses impacted-
 1. Typically this is same definitive diagnosis and/or signs/symptoms you treat the patient for (i.e. asthma, acute exacerbations COPD, URI, SOB, Bronchitis).
 2. May be a dx you are not treating the patient for such as cancer or some other disease the patient has.
- ✓ Best practice include Risks to Health-
A brief notation the continued use of tobacco products may cause:
 1. Worsening of current condition presented with or
 2. Worsening of chronic disease or
 3. Potential to develop respiratory, cardiac disease or other diseases consistent with tobacco use.

Examples of notes to include in Course/Plan:

1. I counseled tobacco cessation & risks to patient for > than 3 minutes and < 9 minutes.
2. I counseled patient face to face ____ minutes to quit the use of tobacco and provided tobacco cessation strategies and discussed risks
3. I counseled patient face to face ____ minutes to quit the use of tobacco and provided tobacco cessation strategies. Diagnoses impacted: _____ Risks to Health: _____
4. Face to face tobacco cessation counseling ____ minutes.
Diagnoses impacted _____ Risks to Health: _____