



Topic: Pathologists Quality Registry FAQs

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What is the Pathologists Quality Registry?

The **Pathologists Quality Registry** is a system used by physicians to collect medical and/or clinical data to foster improvement in the quality of care provided to patients.

Designed specifically for the practice of pathology, this registry will ensure pathologists have a mechanism for quality improvement against the CAP's established standards, while complying with requirements under the Medicare Quality Payment Program (QPP) and successfully participating in the Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS).

How will the Pathologists Quality Registry work?

The registry is a cloud-based platform that will use data from a practice's anatomic pathology laboratory information system. Additionally, Web data entry forms are an option for practices if integration is not possible. The data is securely transferred and stored on the registry site by our vendor, FIGmd. The data is used to generate a dashboard that allows practices and individual pathologists to benchmark their performance against the registry as a whole for the CAP defined measures. All the data submitted is compliant with the Health Information Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) and Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act.

What are the benefits of using the Pathologists Quality Registry?

The registry provides more measures to report on, and allows pathologists to report as a group. In addition, the registry should simplify reporting and allow pathologists to report on MIPS categories using one reporting mechanism. The complex claims-based reporting can only be done by individuals in a practice.

Why should pathologists use the Pathologists Quality Registry?

The registry will make it easier to qualify for bonuses under MIPS/QPP and enable practices to:

- Improve practice performance with quarterly benchmarking reports against other pathology practices.
- Optimize bonus potential with 14 pathology-specific measures; and as Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) qualified clinical data registry, it will enable you to include all your patients (Medicare and non-Medicare) that are relevant for each measure.
- Save time by reporting both quality measures and clinical practice improvement activities to the CMS via a single registry.

Is the Pathologists Quality Registry an approved QCDR by the CMS?

The Pathologists Quality Registry is an approved Qualified Clinical Data Registry (QCDR) by the CMS. As a QCDR the Pathologists Quality Registry is approved to collect medical quality data from a pathologist or pathology group practice for physician quality reporting under QPP. The CAP will need to reapply for approval each year.



Will the Pathologists Quality Registry integrate with my practice's laboratory information system?

The CAP is currently working with pilot sites on integration between the registry and anatomic pathology laboratory information system. Additionally, Web data entry forms are an option for practices where integration is not possible.

Will benchmarking reports be available? Can I generate or access reports for a specific specialty or geographic area?

Participants of the registry can generate quality reports and measure their quality results against the registry as a whole. The registry will also have the ability to benchmark a specific geographic location within a practice.

How will the CAP secure the information in the Pathologists Quality Registry?

Data security was a critical factor in the selection of a registry platform. The vendor that the CAP selected is accredited under EHNAC Data Registry Accreditation Program (DRAP) and Cloud Enabled Accreditation Program (CEAP). The vendor has additional relevant certifications ensuring the security of the data in the registry.