

Diabetes Mellitus (DM)

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9000043 Adult(s) that had a serum creatinine in last 12 reported months.

Diabetic nephropathy occurs in 20-40% of patients with diabetes and is the single leading cause of end stage renal disease (ESRD). An annual serum creatinine is recommended for all adults with diabetes for estimation of the glomerular filtration rate (GFR). This is an E level of evidence recommendation from the ADA (1)*.

This measure is endorsed by the National Quality Forum (NQF).

*ADA level of evidence grading system for clinical practice recommendations (1):

- A. Clear evidence from well-conducted, generalizable, randomized controlled trials that are adequately powered
- B. Supportive evidence from well-conducted cohort studies
- C. Supportive evidence from poorly controlled or uncontrolled studies
- E. Expert consensus or clinical experience

1. *American Diabetes Association. Standards of Medical Care in Diabetes - 2009. Diabetes Care 2009;32(suppl 1):S13-61.*