The GMS contract: quality indicators for hypertension

Tool **H11**

In the GMS contract[1] there are 173 quality points available for blood pressure measurement, and hypertension detection and control (which can be found under the sub-domains of hypertension, coronary heart disease, stroke and diabetes) out of a total of 550 points in the entire clinical domain. All *minimum* thresholds are 25%.

Indicator	Points	Maximum Threshold
Records		
BP 1 The practice can produce a register of patients with established hypertension.	9	N/A
Records 11 The blood pressure of patients aged 45 and over is recorded in the preceding 5 years for at least 55% of patients.	10	N/A
Records 17 The blood pressure of patients aged 45 and over is recorded in the preceding 5 years for at least 75% of patients.	5	N/A
Diagnosis and initial management		
BP 2 The percentage of patients with hypertension whose notes record smoking status at least once.	10	90%
BP 3 The percentage of patients with hypertension who smoke, whose notes contain a record that smoking cessation advice has been offered at least once.	10	90%
Ongoing management		
BP 4 The percentage of patients with hypertension in which there is a record of the blood pressure in the last nine months.	20	90%
BP 5 The percentage of patients with hypertension in whom the last blood pressure (measured in the last nine months) is 150/90 or less.	56	70%
Stroke 5 The percentage of patients with TIA [transient ischaemic attacks] or stroke whose notes have a record of blood pressure in the previous 15 months.	2	90%
Stroke 6 The percentage of patients with a history of TIA or stroke in which the last blood pressure reading (measured in the last 15 months) is 150/90 or less.	5	70%
CHD 5 The percentage of patients with CHD whose notes have a record of blood pressure in the previous 15 months.	7	90%
CHD 6 The percentage of patients with CHD in whom the last blood pressure reading (measured in the last 15 months) is 150/90 or less.	19	70%
Diabetes 11 The percentage of patients with diabetes who have a record of the blood pressure in the last 15 months.	3	90%
Diabetes 12 The percentage of patients with diabetes in whom the last blood pressure is 145/85 or less.	17	55%

Reference

1 Department of Health. General Medical Services (GMS) contract. Accessed on 21 January 2005 from: http://www.dh.gov.uk/PolicyAndGuidance/OrganisationPolicy/PrimaryCare/PrimaryCareContracting/fs/en