

# SCREENING

Document Tobacco screening with the Tobacco Health Factors:

Current Smoker  
Current Smokeless  
Current Smoker & Smokeless  
Cessation Smoker (is quitting now)  
Cessation Smokeless (is quitting now)  
Previous Smoker (quit smoking > 6 months)  
Previous Smokeless (quit smokeless > 6 months)  
Ceremonial Use Only  
Smoker in the Home  
Exposure to Environmental Tobacco Smoke  
Non-Tobacco User (never used tobacco)

# EDUCATION

IHS Patient Education Codes

TO-C	Complications
TO-DP	Disease Process
TO-EX	Exercise
TO-FU	Follow-up
TO-L	Literature
TO-LA	Lifestyle Adaptation
TO-M	Medications
TO-QT	Quit
TO-SHS	Second Hand Smoke

# RESOURCES

## Phone Numbers

**American Lung Association Call Center**  
1-8666-QUIT-YES (1-866-784-8937) or  
1-800-548-8252

**Department of Health and Human Services  
National telephone counseling quit line**  
1-800-QUITNOW (1-800-784-8669)  
TTY 1-800-332-8615

## Web Sites

**CDC's Tobacco Information and Prevention Service**  
[www.cdc.gov/tobacco/news/QuitSmoking.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/news/QuitSmoking.htm)

**NCI's Tobacco Information and Prevention Service**  
<http://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/news/QuitSmoking.htm>

**American Lung Association – Tobacco Control**  
[www.lungusa.org/site/pp.asp?c=dvLUK9O0E&b=22937](http://www.lungusa.org/site/pp.asp?c=dvLUK9O0E&b=22937)

**Smokefree.gov website sponsored by the NCI, CDC,  
and the American Cancer Society**  
[www.ahrq.gov/path/tobacco.htm](http://www.ahrq.gov/path/tobacco.htm)

**Department of Health & Human Services:**  
[www.surgeongeneral.gov/tobacco/](http://www.surgeongeneral.gov/tobacco/)

**IHS Health Promotion and Disease Prevention:**  
[www.ihs.gov/NonMedicalPrograms/HPDP/Index.cfm](http://www.ihs.gov/NonMedicalPrograms/HPDP/Index.cfm)

**American Academy of Family Physicians:**  
[www.aafp.org/x27811.xml](http://www.aafp.org/x27811.xml)

**Tobaccofree.org:** [www.tobaccofree.org/other.htm](http://www.tobaccofree.org/other.htm)

**Freedom From Smoking:** [www.lungusa.org/ffs/](http://www.lungusa.org/ffs/)

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# Documentation of Tobacco Screening and Cessation Intervention



## Five A's of smoking cessation counseling:

- Ask about tobacco use
- Advise to quit
- Assess willingness to make a quit attempt
- Assist in quit attempt
- Arrange follow-up

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# MEDICARE REIMBURSEMENT

## Individual Cessation Visits

Medicare will pay for 2 tobacco cessation attempts in 12 month period, up to 4 face-to face sessions per attempt. These sessions may occur in the outpatient or inpatient setting (note: CMS will not cover tobacco cessation services if tobacco cessation is the primary reason for the patient's hospital stay).

Document the Diagnosis:

- ICD9-CM = 305.1 tobacco dependence
- Must **also** document a condition that is adversely affected by smoking or tobacco use, or that the metabolism or dosing of a medication that is being used to treat a condition the beneficiary has is being adversely affected by his or her smoking or tobacco use.

Two HCPCS codes may be used for billing:  
 G0375 – Smoke/Tobacco counseling 3-10 minutes  
 G0376 – Smoke/Tobacco counseling > 10 minutes

## Individual Cessation Visits Occurring in Association with another Medical Condition

Document the E&M code for the visit as appropriate (99201-99215)

Add a modifier of 25 to indicate tobacco cessation counseling.

## Group Tobacco Cessation Visits

Use Preventative Service Codes:

99411 or 99412 – Preventative Group Medicine Group Counseling or

99078 – Physician Education in a Group Setting

Add a modifier of 25 to indicate tobacco cessation counseling.

\* Services administered by or facilitated by a CMS recognized provider.

# DOCUMENTING ON PCC/PCC+

1. Document Purpose of Visit
2. Document appropriate CPT code(s)
3. Document health factor screening
4. Document patient education

The form is a 'PCC AMBULATORY ENCOUNTER RECORD'. It contains various fields for patient information, vital signs, and medical history. Handwritten annotations include:

- '3. Smokes' written in the 'HEALTH FACTORS' section.
- '1. 305.1' and '4. PED:TO-QT-G-5min-123' written in the 'PURPOSE OF VISIT (PRINT ONLY IN THIS SECTION; DO NOT ABBREVIATE)' section.
- '4. TO-Q-G-123 5min' written in the 'MEDICATIONS/TREATMENTS/PROCEDURES/PATIENT EDUCATION' section.
- '2. E&M & CPT Codes go on the back' written at the bottom of the form.

# DOCUMENTING IN EHR

## Documenting Patient Education

The dialog box is titled 'Education Topic Selection'. It has a list of topics on the left and 'Select' and 'Cancel' buttons on the right. The 'QUIT' category is selected, showing sub-topics like 'READINESS TO CHANGE', 'SCREENING', 'SECOND-HAND SMOKE', 'STRESS MANAGEMENT', 'TUBERCULOSIS', 'ULCERATIVE COLITIS', 'UPPER RESPIRATORY INFECTION', and 'URINARY TRACT INFECTION'. A 'Display Outcome & Standard' button is at the bottom right.

## Documenting Health Factors

The screenshot shows an EHR interface with a table of health factors and an 'Add Health Factor' dialog box. The table lists 'CURRENT SMOKER' under the 'TOBACCO' category. The dialog box shows a list of tobacco-related health factors, with 'TOBACCO' selected. The 'Add' button is highlighted.

