

Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

3-10. Increase the proportion of physicians and dentists who counsel their at-risk patients about tobacco use cessation, physical activity, and cancer screening.

3-10g. Primary care providers who counsel about Pap tests.

National Data Source	National Survey of Primary Care Physicians' Recommendations and Practices for Breast, Cervical, Colorectal, and Lung Cancer Screening, NIH, NCI.
State Data Source	Not identified.
Healthy People 2000 Objective	Adapted from 16.10 (Cancer).
Changes since the 2000 Publication	Revised baseline (see Comments). Revised baseline year (see Comments). Revised target (see Comments).
Measure	Percent.
Baseline (Year)	91 (2006-07)
Target	100
Target-Setting Method	10 percent improvement. For a discussion of target-setting methods, see Part A, section 4.
Numerator	Number of primary care physicians who order or perform Pap tests at least once a month for asymptomatic, average-risk female patients.
Denominator	Number of primary care physicians.
Population Targeted	U.S. civilian, noninstitutionalized population.
Questions Used To Obtain the National Baseline Data	From the 2006-07 National Survey of Primary Care Physicians' Recommendations and Practices for Breast, Cervical, Colorectal, and Lung Cancer Screening: ➤ <i>During a typical month, for how many asymptomatic, average-risk female patients do you personally order or perform cervical cancer screening with Pap testing?</i>
Expected Periodicity	Periodic.

Comments

After the Healthy People 2010 Midcourse Review, the baseline was revised from 55 percent in 1989 to 91 percent in 2006-07 due to a change in data source. Since the data source does not specifically ask physicians whether they recommend Pap testing, this objective is measured using the proportion of physicians who order or perform cervical cancer screening with Pap testing at least one time during a typical month. The target of 85 percent was adjusted to 100 percent to reflect the revised baseline using the original target-setting methodology.

Objective 3-10 differs from Healthy People 2000 objective 16.10, which tracked health providers who counseled patients about tobacco-use cessation and cancer screening. The Healthy People 2000 objective focused on physicians and nurse practitioners, while objective 3-10 tracks counseling by physicians and dentists.

See Appendix A for focus area contact information.