

Where we've been...

Cancer prevention is a priority for patient care in the Baystate Medical Practices. The BMP Performance Improvement Program aligns key health maintenance and clinical care indicators with HEDIS and MHQP measures. Based on current performance, areas for improvement are identified. Strategies based on best practices are developed and integrated into practice.

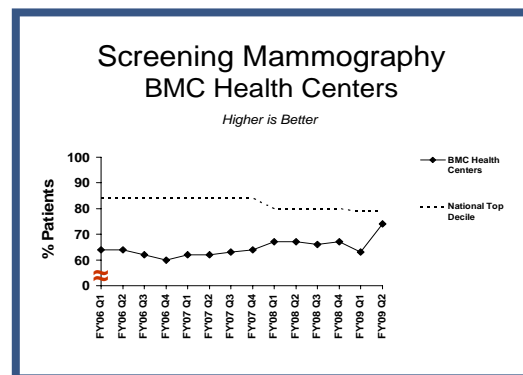
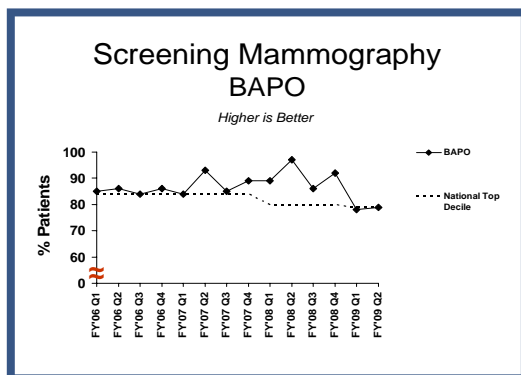
BREAST CANCER SCREENING

It is estimated that over 200,000 women are diagnosed with breast cancer annually, and it is the second leading cause of cancer deaths in women today. More than 70% of women diagnosed with breast cancer have no identifiable risk factors. The current guidelines from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the American Cancer Society, the American Medical Association, and the American College of Radiology recommend screening mammography every year for women, beginning at age 40. Although the standard is annual mammography, BMP uses the HEDIS measure in which patient records are reviewed for evidence that screening mammography was completed in the past 24 months.

Where we are now...

BAYSTATE AFFILIATED PRACTICE ORGANIZATIONS (BAPO) For FY 2009 YTD, 79% of patients reviewed had a mammography completed within the previous 24 months, exceeding the national top decile.

BMC HEALTH CENTERS Sixty-nine percent of patients reviewed had a mammography completed within the previous 24 months for FY 2009 YTD.



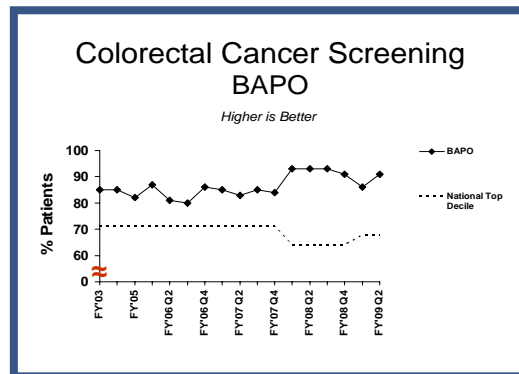
CANCER SCREENING

COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING

Colorectal cancer screening measures are based on HEDIS, which was developed by the NCQA, and the MHQP reports on colorectal cancer screening. To measure our performance, medical records are reviewed for evidence that patients over the age of 50 years had a minimum of one of the following tests: colonoscopy within previous 10 years, sigmoidoscopy or contrast barium enema within previous 5 years, or fecal occult blood test annually.

Where we are now...

BAYSTATE AFFILIATED PRACTICE ORGANIZATIONS (BAPO) For FY 2009 YTD, 89% of patients reviewed had colorectal cancer screening, as per recommendations, exceeding the national top decile.



Where we are going...

Cancer prevention is a priority for patient care in the Baystate Medical Practices. Attention will be directed towards developing strategies to further increase cancer screenings. Practice sites will continue to emphasize work with best practices to drive quality improvement. Focus will continue on heightened awareness for physicians, staff and patients, on outreach, and on avenues to provide early access for cancer screening. Expanded use of CIS and new tools, including the Health Maintenance Tool, will continue to improve our screening rates and enhance care to our patients.