



CCNC Pediatrics: Surveillance & Screening

Clarification of Terms:

Surveillance:

- Routine elicitation of family/patient concerns about development, behavior, or learning.
- Generally accomplished by conversation and observation.

Screening:

- Primary screening- formal screening done with the **total** population to identify those who are at risk.
 - Examples include ASQ, PEDS, PSC, SDQ, Bright Futures Adolescent, GAPS, and Edinburgh.
 - These are tools with validation and cutoff scores, except the adolescent screens that are formal surveillance tools.

Secondary screening:

- More specific screening done when risk is identified on a primary screen.
- Examples include the ASQ-SE, SCARED, CDI, CES-DC, PHQ-A, Vanderbilt, Conners...
- Note that a specific screen may be used as a primary screen if there is known risk in a given population.
 - Examples include MCHAT, CRAFFT

Evaluation/Assessment:

- Goes beyond screening to ascertain diagnosis and develop recommendations for intervention or treatment.
- This is generally not done by the primary care medical home, unless co-located or integrated professionals are in the practice.
 - For example, evaluation is done at the CDSA, in the schools, by a developmental & behavioral pediatrician, a psychologist, a psychiatrist, a geneticist, etc.

Role of the Medical Home:

- Develop a reliable system for integration of surveillance, screening, referral, follow-up, and linkage to resources into the office workflow.
- Develop relationships with specialists & community agencies to include standardized referral and feedback processes.
- Follow criteria for referral after a positive screen. There is **no rationale** for a “wait and see” approach as it delays early intervention.

Billing & Coding:

96110 + EP:

- Bundled into well visit payment
- If performed at other E/M visit (do not use modifier), code pays \$8.14
 - Examples: ASQ, PEDS

99420 + EP:

- Can code two per visit
- Code pays \$8.14 (at well visit and at E+M visit)
 - Examples: MCHAT, PSC, BF, GAPS, HEADSSS, ASQ-SE, SCARED, CDI, CES-DC, PHQ-A, Vanderbilt, Conners