

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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## AAD 2: Psoriasis: Screening for Psoriatic Arthritis

### **Do I have to report this measure every time a patient comes into the office?**

No, this measure only needs to be reported once a performance period.

### **Can I report on this measure if the patient already has a diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis?**

No, this measure can only be reported on patients without an existing diagnosis.

### **Can I still receive credit for this measure if the patient refuses to be screened?**

No, you will not receive credit for patient refusal.

### **What counts as screening?**

Screening is defined as the following:

- Documentation of inquiry about the presence or absence of joint symptoms including any of the following: morning stiffness, pain, redness, and/or swelling of joints.
- Documentation of a physical examination (e.g. visualization of joints, surrounding structures (entheses) and fingers/toes for dactylitis).
- Documentation of the use of a validated psoriatic arthritis screening instrument such as the PASE (Psoriatic Arthritis Screening and Evaluation), ToPAS (Toronto Psoriatic Arthritis Screening), or PEST (Psoriasis Epidemiology Screening Tool).

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