

Exhibit 5-19. Measure 19: Connection to resource (Continuity of Care Practices Survey – Practice Level [CCPS-P])

Domain:	Referral Process	Element/ relationship:	Clinic/clinician-patient
Instrument:	Continuity of Care Practices Survey – Practice Level [CCPS-P]		
Purpose:	This measure assesses whether clinicians and their staffs participating in the Veterans Affairs Substance Use Disorder (SUD) treatment program were able to arrange for their patient to connect with a community resource.		
Format/data source:	Health professional survey that is completed for each practice by a designated member of that practice.		
Measure type:	Process	Date:	2004
Preventive service/ USPSTF:	Alcohol Misuse Counseling		
Clinical practice:	Other		
Denominator:	N/A		
Numerator:	N/A		
Development & testing:	Program-level CCPS data were obtained from directors/coordinators of 129 intensive inpatient/residential and outpatient Department of Veterans Affairs SUD programs. These data were used to examine the internal consistency and discriminant validity of the CCPS-P. CCPS-P demonstrated acceptable psychometric properties. CCPS-P subscales and the overall CCPS-P score predicted corresponding continuity of care services that staff provided to patients within programs, offering support for predictive validity. Lack of significant correlations between CCPS-P subscales and SUD program characteristics (e.g., size, staffing) provided preliminary evidence for discriminant validity.		
Past or validated application:	129 intensive SUD treatment programs (58 inpatient/residential and 71 outpatient); methadone maintenance programs were excluded. Directors of the programs completed the CCPS by mailed questionnaire or telephone interview.		
Citation(s):	Schaefer, J. A., Cronkite, R., Ingudomnukul, E. Assessing continuity of care practices in substance use disorder treatment programs. <i>Journal of Studies on Alcohol</i> (2004) 65:513-520.		
Notes	<p>A composite measure using the Connect to Resources Subscale – Add 7A-F (except E) and subtract the number of responses without missing data, e.g., if one item has missing data, subtract 5, the number of complete responses.</p> <p>Please be aware that this measure is using only a selected section of an entire survey instrument. Therefore, this individual measure may need to undergo further reliability and validation testing to ensure that it can be applied in a clinical-community relationship setting.</p>		