

## Patient Lists to identify asthma and COPD treatment candidates

### Helping identify patients who may benefit from treatment intensification

A **Patient List**, called a **Discern Informatics Query** in Cerner, is an EHR system feature that can help to identify patients who meet certain health-related criteria, including:

- New diagnosis
- Potential medication changes
- Current and prior medications
- A change in lab or test results
- Additional clinical or patient demographic information

### Benefits of patient lists for asthma and COPD patients

A **Discern Informatics Query** can be used to identify patients who may be candidates for treatment intensification according to clinical guidelines. A manual review of the chart for the patients listed in the report results is necessary to determine an appropriate treatment path.

### Considerations:

- The query criteria should consider active patients only (not deceased or inactive as determined by the practice)
- User privileges to configure and run a **Discern Informatics Query** in Cerner may be limited to select users with specific security privileges

*This Guide provides a high-level overview of how to create **Discern Informatics Queries** using Cerner EHR to identify patients who may be candidates for asthma and COPD treatments. This overview is designed to provide guidance for you, your practice EHR champion, or IT staff.*

*Please note that this Guide was created based upon the most current version of Cerner. Features, screens, and locations may change as new software versions are released.*

*This Guide is meant to serve as summary information only and should not replace detailed instructions provided to you by your internal or external EHR support resources.*



*If you have further technical questions, consult your internal or external EHR support resources.*

## How to request a Discern Informatics Query to identify respiratory care patients in Cerner

**Discern Informatics Queries** can be created to identify those patients whom the health care team may determine are appropriate candidates for treatment with [PRODUCT X].

**Discern Informatics Queries** can be used as a foundation for a critical analysis of the identified patient charts to evaluate whether a patient is a candidate for [PRODUCT X]. For example, *diagnosis* may be included as the clinical criteria used in the search.

A manual review of the chart for the patients listed in the **Discern Informatics Query** results is necessary to determine the recommended treatment path.

*Note: User privileges to configure or run **Discern Informatics Queries** may be limited to select users with specific system security privileges.*

## Request a Discern Informatics Query based on diagnosis code

Patients who are candidates for [PRODUCT X] may be identified by a diagnosis code. A health care professional should choose the criteria that are most appropriate based on their patient population and focus of the current need.

When making an IT request for the creation of a **Discern Informatics Query** based upon diagnosis code, these criteria should be considered:

- **Name** of the **Discern Informatics Query Report** you would like to create and the provider that is making the request

Enter a name for the list: (Limited to 50 characters)

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- If desired, a **range of dates** to be included in the query
- Clinical and demographic information should be included in the query, active patients only
- Patients with specific diagnosis
- Specify when to run the Report: scheduled or on demand
- Actions to be taken with the results, such as sending to specific staff or provider