ACP does not support NQF 0417: “Diabetic Foot & Ankle Care, Peripheral Neuropathy – Neurological Evaluation.” In 2010, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported a moderate performance gap with the foot exam in adults with diabetes (75% of all adults between ages 65-74, 73% of adults between ages 45-64, and 71.5% of adults over age 75). Although we recognize the value of foot exams in diabetic patients, there is no evidence to suggest that regular, comprehensive full lower extremity neurological examination in the primary care setting benefits asymptomatic patients. However, foot exams with a mono filament should be performed.

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