ACP does not support NQF 0409: “HIV/AIDS: Sexually Transmitted Diseases – Screening for Chlamydia, Gonorrhea, and Syphilis.” Although testing for sexually transmitted infections (STI) represents good medical practice, the measure specifications are flawed in a number of respects. The numerator and denominator envision one test since HIV diagnosis, although new infections and reinfections may occur repeatedly. Gonorrhea screening may encompass several loci of infection, which should be listed. Finally, the measure does not include an appropriate exclusion for patients who are not sexually active or otherwise unlikely to become infected.

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