

# vascular screening guidelines

## PAD Screenings

- Screenings follow the PAD Coalition Guidelines.
- Screenings are appropriate for asymptomatic patients who are at least 50 years old and have never had a formal arterial study in our lab.
- Patients between the ages of 50 and 60 years old need to have a family history of AAA, personal history of tobacco use, diabetes and/or high BP/Cholesterol.
- Patients aged 60 and older do not need to have any qualifiers (other than asymptomatic).
- Patients are eligible for a repeat screening after three years.
- This exam is not available as an order in Epic – patients simply call for an appointment.

Screenings consist of a limited study of the carotids, abdominal aorta and arterial flow in the legs. Results of these exams are given to the patient immediately upon completion and are also sent to the ordering physician through a T/E, if it is a DMG physician.

## Medicare AAA Screenings

Medicare preventive care coverage includes one AAA Screening. This exam must be ordered at the IPPE (Welcome to Medicare) Physical visit and must be completed within one year of the physical exam. This test can be ordered through Epic and results are returned to the ordering physician through the regular resulting process in the in-basket function in Epic. Patients are not given a copy of the results by the lab staff. Results are communicated to the patient through the ordering physician's office.