Environmental Scan Support Tool | The Environmental Scan Support Tool (ESST) makes information gathering for existing measures more efficient and effective by reducing the effort and time required to conduct an environmental scan.

What is ESST?
Environmental Scan Support Tool (ESST) makes information gathering for measures more efficient and effective. ESST is a convenient, current and accessible index of the most relevant abstracts and articles in PubMed, PubMed Central and CINAHL for quality measures found in the CMS Measures Inventory.

How is ESST used?
ESST identifies relevant biomedical literature for:
• Benchmarking to compare the results of a manually completed environmental scan
• Understanding the industry expectations around precise and comprehensive scans
• Gathering evidentiary support to identify the opportunity for improvement

How does ESST work?
ESST uses artificial intelligence to find and identify the most relevant abstracts and articles that represent measure concepts: measure focus, target population and evidence.

How do I access ESST?
ESST is freely available to the public as part of the publicly available CMS Measures Inventory Tool (CMIT) available at https://cmit.cms.gov.

Search CMIT for a measure. Click measure title to open summary.
On the measure details page, select the Environmental Scan tab.

Filter by Relevance Verified or Source

Export ESST Output

One Click to View Full Text

View Associated Measures

The Most Relevant Documents Sourced for the Measure

- PubMed (top 30 abstracts)
- PubMed Central/CINAHL (top 30 articles)
- Citations from Measure Information Forms (labeled as Source “EndNote”)
- 2007 to present
- Output is updated monthly

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