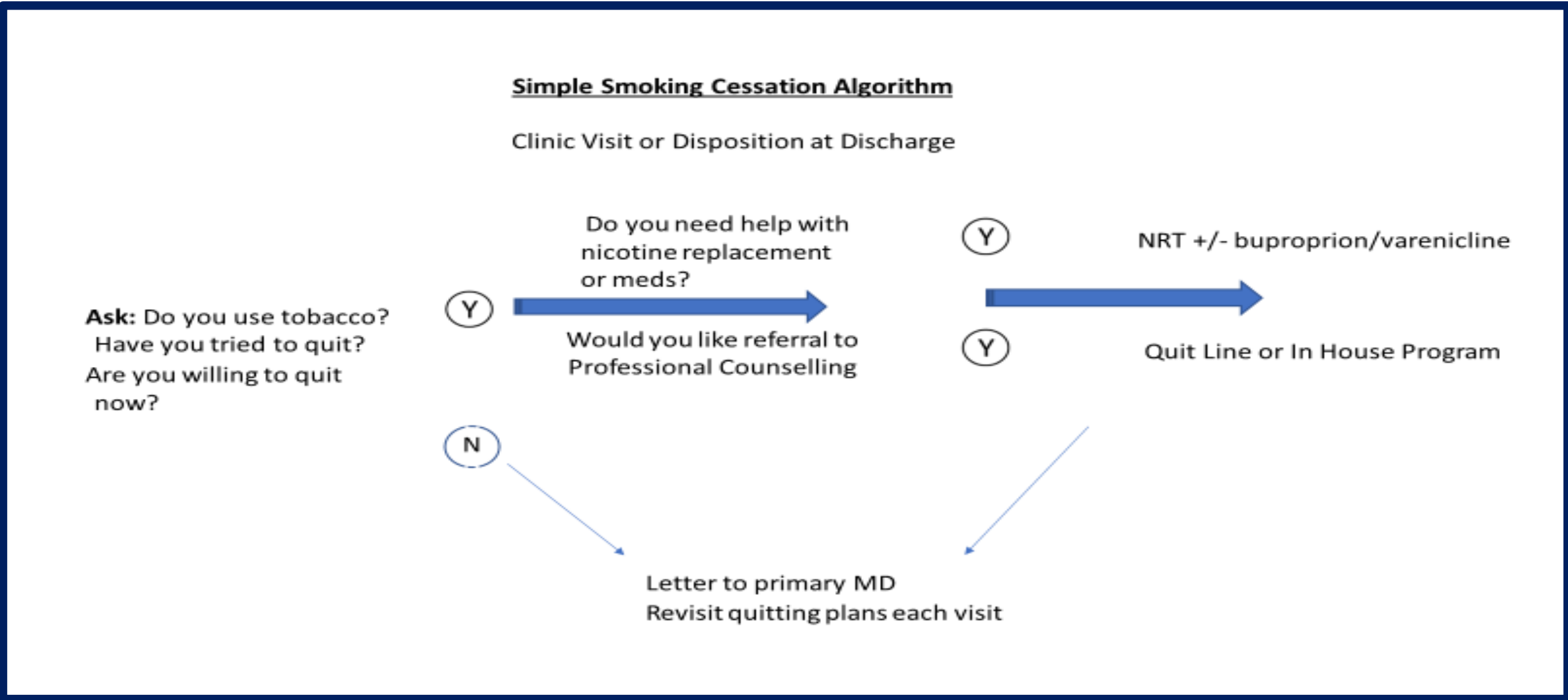


Smoking Cessation Algorithm and Billable Codes

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Smoking Cessation Billable Codes

Simply stating time spent counselling patient on quitting smoking in EHR will be insufficient for reimbursement

Items to include for documentation:

- Patient's current tobacco use
- Advice to quit and impact of smoking
- Assessed willingness to attempt to quit
- Provide methods and skills for cessation
- Medication management-OTC and prescription
- Resources provided
- Setting quit date
- Follow up arranged
- Time spent counselling patient



ICD -10 Codes

- F17.219: cigarette dependence
- F17.229: smokeless dependence

CPT Codes

- 99406 → Intermediate: 3-10 minutes
- 99407 → Intensive: >10 minutes

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Smoking Cessation Billable Codes

Example intermediate version: 3-10 minutes for CPT 99406

I explained to the patient the **effects** of smoking including peripheral artery disease, coronary artery disease, cerebrovascular disease as well as cancer and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. I asked the patient to **stop smoking** immediately. It is never too late to quit, and many **studies** show significant health benefits as well as economical savings after smoking cessation. I **offered** to the patient nicotine replacement therapy as well as **referral** to the smoking cessation program and access to the quit line. I **spent 5 minutes** discussing with the patient the importance of complete smoking cessation and tools that can help in achieving it.

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Example Intensive version: > 10 minutes for CPT 99407

"Tobacco use is a significant patient-**modifiable risk factor** for this patient's vascular disease with multiple vascular comorbidities, and a significant risk factor for **failure of and complications** from any endovascular or surgical interventions. I **reinforced** this with the patient and urged complete and lasting **smoking cessation**. I discussed **methods and skills** for cessation and **offered** medications including but not limited to nicotine replacement therapy. Based on **our conversation**, this patient *{does not appear ready to quit/expresses a passive interest in quitting but does not appear very motivated to quit/appears motivated to quit}* and *{declined my offer of nicotine replacement or tobacco cessation medications/plans to use nicotine replacement to help quit/plans to use prescription medication to help quit/plans to quit without nicotine replacement or medications}*. The patient *{did not set a quit date/set a **quit date** of _}*. I will continue to **follow up** on this issue at our next scheduled visit. I spent approximately **xx minutes** on tobacco cessation counseling with this patient."

Courtesy of Dr. Greg Westin

- Please note ICD -10 codes and CPT codes are subject to change
- It is the **center responsibility** to ensure all codes are **current** for billing purposes