Retina PractiCare FAQ

1. Where can I learn more about Retina PractiCare?

Visit www.asrs.org/RetinaPractiCare to learn more and to enroll in Retina PractiCare.

2. Does Retina PractiCare serve the same purpose as the American Academy of Ophthalmology's Intelligent Research in Sight (IRIS) Registry?

No. IRIS is a clinical registry; it downloads data from patient electronic health records (EHR) and provides disease-driven data to help providers meet quality-reporting requirements. Retina PractiCare is not a registry; ASRS provides reports from the claims data submitted to insurers, offering you insights on health care service utilization trends as well as practice and coding patterns.

3. Is Retina PractiCare easy to use?

Yes. The tool is designed to be straightforward and intuitive. After you have generated your data file(s) through your claims management software, simply open the Retina PractiCare tool and it will guide you through the 3-step process to select, de-identify, and submit the data. The tool requires you to enter and confirm information in only 4 fields (username, password, practice ID, and the file or directory containing the claims data). And Retina PractiCare processes and submits data while keeping your computer available for other tasks.

4. How secure is the tool?

Retina PractiCare is safe because it contains no protected health information (PHI). The de-identification and submission tool pulls data only from specific fields that contain procedure, drug, and other coding and billing information so PHI is not transmitted over the Internet.

5. Will Retina PractiCare work with my claims management software?

If you know how to generate an EDI or Microsoft Excel file through your claims management software, you can use Retina PractiCare today. We have vendor-specific instructions for generating an EDI or Excel file for NextGen Healthcare, AllScripts, GE Centricity Group Management, and Athenahealth. ASRS continues to work with vendors large and small, as well as with members' practices, to create and verify instruction documents.