



AAO 21: Audiometry for Chronic Otitis Media with Effusion in Children

Percentage of patients age 6 months to 12 years of age at the time of the visit with a diagnosis of otitis media with effusion including chronic serous, mucoid, or nonsuppurative otitis media with effusion of ≥ 3 months duration who had audiometry performed, ordered or who were referred for an audiometric evaluation.

Quality Domain: Communication and Care Coordination

This measure is focused on communication between the patient and provider and referrals to a specialist for audiometry, when appropriate. Knowledge of a child's hearing status is important to manage his/her care and provide any necessary testing or interventions.

Denominator: All patients age 6 months to 12 years of age at the time of the visit with a diagnosis of otitis media with effusion including chronic serous, mucoid, or nonsuppurative otitis media with effusion of ≥ 3 months duration.

Denominator Exclusions: None

Denominator Exceptions: Medical reason for not performing, ordering or referring for an audiometric evaluation (e.g. patient had an audiogram within the past 6 months). Patient reason for not performing, ordering or referring for an audiometric evaluation (e.g. patient refuses to have an audiometric evaluation). System reason for not performing, ordering or referring for an audiometric evaluation (e.g. audiometry is not available in the health system; patient cannot pay for audiometry-Medicaid insurance only pays every 6 months)

Numerator: Patients who had audiometry performed, ordered or who were referred for an audiometric evaluation.

Measure Type: Process, Traditional, Proportional, High Priority

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