

AAO31: Otitis Media with Effusion (OME): Avoidance of Inappropriate Use of Medications

High Priority: Yes; Appropriate Use

Percentage of patients age 2 months through 12 years with a diagnosis of otitis media with effusion who were not prescribed or recommended the use of steroids (either oral or intranasal), antimicrobials, antihistamines, or decongestants as therapy.

Denominator:

Patients aged 2 months through 12 years with a diagnosis of otitis media with effusion.
OME is defined as the presence of fluid in the middle ear without signs or symptoms of acute ear infections.

Denominator Exclusions:

None

Denominator Exceptions:

Medical reason for prescribing/recommending medications.

Numerator:

Patients who were NOT prescribed or recommended to receive any of the following: antihistamines, decongestants, systemic corticosteroids, topical intranasal corticosteroids, systemic antimicrobials

Measure Classifications:

Measure Type: Process

National Quality Strategy (NQS) domain: Effective Clinical Care

Meaningful Measure Area: Appropriate use of Healthcare

Calculation:

Inverse measure: No

Continuous measure: No

Proportional measure: Yes

Ratio measure: No

Risk Adjusted measure: No

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