

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

**High Priority:** Yes; Appropriate Use  
**NQF Number:** N/A

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.

**Numerator Exclusions:**

None

**Measure Classifications:**

Measure Type: Process

National Quality Strategy (NQS) domain: Effective Clinical Care

Meaningful Measure Area: Appropriate Use of Healthcare

Care Setting(s): Ambulatory Care: Clinician Office/Clinic

Includes Telehealth: Yes

Calculation: 1st Performance Rate

Inverse measure: No

Continuous measure: No

Proportional measure: Yes

Ratio measure: No

Risk Adjusted measure: No

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