**AAO21: Otitis Media with Effusion: Hearing Test for Chronic OME > 3 months**

**High Priority:** No

*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.*

**Denominator:**
All patients age 6 months to 12 years of age 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:**
Patient who had a hearing test within 6 months of the original diagnosis of otitis media with effusion including chronic serous, mucoid, or nonsuppurative otitis media with effusion.

**Numerator:**
Patients who had a hearing test performed, ordered or who were referred for an audiometric evaluation.

**Measure Classifications:**
Measure Type: Process
National Quality Strategy (NQS) domain: Effective Clinical Care
Meaningful Measure Area: Preventive Care
Calculation: 1st Performance Rate
   - Inverse Measure: No
   - Continuous Measure: No
   - Proportional Measure: Yes
   - Ratio Measure: No
   - Risk Adjusted: No

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Initial Patient Population (IPP):

- Was the patient seen by an eligible provider in the calendar year?
  - YES: INCLUDED in IPP — Continue to Denominator
  - NO: Patient NOT included in IPP

- Was the patient 6 months to 12 years old?
  - YES: INCLUDED in IPP — Continue to Denominator
  - NO: Denominator Exceptions

Denominator:

- Has the patient been diagnosed with OME?
  - YES: Denominator
  - NO: Patient not eligible for this measure

- Has the patient been diagnosed with OME at visits for 3 or more consecutive months?
  - YES: Denominator
  - NO: Denominator Exceptions

- Did the patient have a hearing test within 6 months of the original diagnosis of OME?
  - YES: Denominator
  - NO: Denominator Exceptions

Numerator:

- Did the patient have a hearing test performed, ordered or referred for an audiometric evaluation?
  - YES: Measure Met
  - NO: Measure NOT Met