



AAO 14: Inappropriate Use of Antiviral Monotherapy for Bell’s Palsy (Inverse Measure)

Percentage of patients age 16 years and older with a new-onset diagnosis of Bell’s palsy within the past 3 months who were prescribed antiviral therapy without concurrent systemic steroid therapy for the treatment of Bell’s palsy.

Quality Domain: Effective Clinical Care

Antiviral monotherapy for patients with new-onset Bell's palsy is no better than placebo and therefore it should only be prescribed with concurrent systematic steroid therapy.

Denominator: All patients age 16 years and older with new-onset diagnosis of Bell’s palsy within the past 3 months.

Denominator Exclusions: None

Denominator Exceptions: None

Numerator: Patients who were prescribed antiviral therapy without concurrentm systemic steroid therapy for the treatment of Bell’s palsy.

Measure Type: Process, Inverse, High Priority

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