



AAO 22: Percentage of patients with allergic rhinitis who do not receive sinonasal imaging for allergic rhinitis

This measure is intended to decrease inappropriate imaging in patients with allergic rhinitis who do not have asthma.

Quality Domain: Efficiency and Cost Reduction

The purpose of this statement is to discourage the routine use of diagnostic imaging for patients with AR. There are no radiological findings specifically diagnostic for AR. In summary, the diagnosis of AR is based on clinical presentation, and there is no role for radiographic imaging. Potential significant costs and possible side effects of imaging modalities outweigh their utility in the routine evaluation of a patient with AR. The word routine was used to allow for circumstances where the patient history may warrant imaging for evaluation of another problem besides AR.

Denominator: Patients with allergic rhinitis seen for an ambulatory visit with a diagnosis of allergic rhinitis.

Denominator Exclusions: Patients with rhinosinusitis, nasal polyposis, suspected nasal neoplasm, or other nasal conditions requiring imaging.

Denominator Exceptions: None

Numerator: Patients who do not have sinonasal imaging ordered or performed during a visit for allergic rhinitis.

Measure Type: Process, Traditional, Proportional, High Priority

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