If You Are an Employed Physician, Why Participate in Reg-ent?

FAQs

I am employed by a hospital system/academic medical center that already reports MIPS for me, why should I join Reg-ent?

Currently, both hospital systems and academic medical centers report on generic measures for MIPS that are not specific to otolaryngology. While this may satisfy the requirements as they currently exist, it bypasses the opportunity that we have as otolaryngologists to define care and improve quality for patients with otolaryngologic specific diseases. If we choose not to define “best care” for the diseases we treat, someone else will do it for us, such as the payer community. In addition to providing:

**Visual Representation of Your Data:** Reg-ent provides a visual representation of individual physician performance in an easy to use dashboard that provides meaningful and actionable data for providers to create self-directed quality improvement projects.

**Comparison to Peers—Benchmarks:** Each member in Reg-ent can see real-time data on the dashboard to identify gaps in care and benchmark against their performance in comparison to other otolaryngologists nationally.

Reg-ent benefits the future practice of otolaryngology by:

- Safeguarding the role of otolaryngologist—head and neck surgeons in defining the best care for their patients.
- Valuing the services provided by otolaryngologist—head and neck surgeons in all iterations of future payment models
- Creating a national repository of clinical data specific to the specialty which will demonstrate the value of otolaryngology—head and neck surgery to both public and private payers. Many society registries are realizing the advocacy benefit of their registries.
- Providing the only otolaryngology—head and neck surgery specialty-specific quality measures that evaluate your performance
- Streamlining reporting for all sections of the Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS): quality measures, improvement activities, and advancing care information.
- Serving as the first national data repository of otolaryngology--head and neck surgery specific data that may be mined for research purposes and will define quality otolaryngology care. Currently, there are close to five million unique patients and 10 million patient encounters in Reg-ent from the initial year of operation.
• Assisting with research and development of new treatments, pre- and post-market surveillance with the FDA, as well as, demonstrate the value of otolaryngology patient care.

Additionally, the benefits below will only be available to those participating in Reg-ent.

• Private Payers Quality Programs: FIGmd is working with private payers to develop incentive-based programs for participants in FIGmd registries including those participating in Reg-ent.
• Seamless participation in Maintenance of Certification Requirements: Over time, Reg-ent will help otolaryngologists meet Maintenance of Certification requirements. Aggregate data also will also be used by t AAO-HNSF to identify topics for the development of CME activities.

Why are there fees associated with Reg-ent?

Each participant in Reg-ent pays an initial application fee of $250 and $295 per clinician annually to help support ongoing development and maintenance of the Reg-ent registry.

The fees represent a commitment and investment in one of the largest quality improvement initiatives in the Foundation’s history. Collecting and maintaining this data is the best way to maintain our ability to define the specialty.

Which EHR solutions are best?

Reg-ent uses the FIGmd platform to extract data from the practice’s electronic health record (EHR). Once your EHR has been integrated with the registry, data is extracted with minimal ongoing effort on your part.

FIGMD has completed integration projects for more than 50 major EHR systems and is capable of working quickly with new systems. The chart below outlines more than 13 EHR systems most common to and utilized by Reg-ent registry practices and the ease of integration.

For a complete review of all of the EHR solutions with which Reg-ent is currently working or establishing data connections, please visit: [http://www.entnet.org/content/regent-compatible-emrs-and-practice-management-systems](http://www.entnet.org/content/regent-compatible-emrs-and-practice-management-systems)

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Is the data in Reg-ent validated?

Yes. Regent quality measures data is validated at multiple steps throughout the process of EHR integration.

Reg-ent also conducts a yearly randomized audit of a statistically valid sample of submissions made to CMS as part of its QCDR review requirements. Continual accuracy checks assure the validity of Reg-ent data. Standards used in this process differentiates Reg-ent from other solutions.

The quality measure specifications developed from the clinical data housed in Reg-ent are clinically valid and accurate.

What is the status of EPIC?

EPIC is working on making FIGmd a preferred vendor. This includes a standardized integration process for sites using EPIC via an EPIC app. This solution should be available in the first quarter of 2018.

Reg-ent has been successful with EPIC sites that are willing to push data (versus having it directly extracted). Please contact us at reg-ent@entnet.org with any questions about this.

To review Reg-ent’s full list of FAQs, click here. If you have questions, please email reg-ent@entnet.org.