



AAO16: Age-Related Hearing Loss: Audiometric Evaluation

High Priority Status: Yes; Care Coordination
NQF Number: N/A

Percentage of patients age 60 years and older who failed a hearing screening and/or who report suspected hearing loss who received, were ordered, or were referred for comprehensive audiometric evaluation within 4 weeks of the office visit.

Denominator:

All patients age 60 years and older who failed a hearing screening and/or report suspected hearing loss at the physician office visit.

Denominator Exclusions:

None

Denominator Exceptions:

Medical reason(s) for not evaluating for hearing loss include patients who had an audiogram within last year; patients with an active diagnosis of deafness, hearing impairment, head or ear trauma, history of other hearing impairment. Patient refusal.

Numerator:

Patients who received, were ordered, or were referred for comprehensive audiometric evaluation.

*Audiometric Evaluation: The hearing evaluation should include a physical examination of the patient's ears and an evaluation of the patient's hearing acuity using an audiometer in a sound booth. The hearing evaluation may include the use of pure tone audiometry, bone conduction hearing testing, Hearing in Noise Test, speech tests, acoustic reflex test, auditory brainstem response testing (e.g. when patient is not able to complete behavioral audiometry) or other appropriate hearing evaluation tests.

Numerator Exclusions:

None

Measure Classifications:

Measure Type: Process

National Quality Strategy (NQS) domain: Communication and Care Coordination

Meaningful Measures Area: Preventive Care

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

Includes Telehealth: Yes

Number of Performance Rates: 1

Inverse measure: No

Continuous measure: No

Proportional measure: Yes

Ratio measure: No

Risk-adjusted measure: No

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