



DRAFT - MIPS MEASURE

Otolaryngologic Surgical Procedures: Avoidance of Unnecessary Antibiotic Use

Measure Description:

Percentage of patients who underwent an otolaryngologic surgical procedure and did not receive perioperative or postoperative antibiotics when not indicated by evidence-based guidelines.

Instructions:

This measure is to be submitted **each time** a patient underwent an otolaryngologic surgical procedure during the performance period. This measure may be submitted by clinicians based on the measure-specific denominator coding.

Denominator:

Patients who underwent an otolaryngologic surgical procedure where antibiotic prophylaxis is not recommended based on evidence and/or clinical guidelines

Denominator Note:

Procedures can include tonsillectomy, septoplasty, rhinoplasty, myringotomy, endoscopic sinus surgery (functional endoscopic sinus surgery [FESS]), thyroidectomy (for benign conditions), auricular surgery, laryngoscopy or vocal cord surgery (noninfective procedures), salivary gland surgery, pharyngoplasty

Denominator Exclusion:

- Patients with active infections at the time of surgery
- Immunocompromised patients (e.g., uncontrolled diabetes, chemotherapy, HIV/AIDS)
- Surgeries classified as "contaminated" or "dirty" based on surgical wound classification
- Procedures involving extensive tissue disruption or implantation (e.g., cochlear implants)

Denominator Exceptions:

None

Numerator:

Patients who did not receive perioperative or postoperative antibiotics