



DRAFT - QUALITY IMPROVEMENT MEASURE

Otolaryngologic Surgical Procedures: Average Length of Stay

Measure Description:

The mean length of stay for all patients who underwent an otolaryngologic surgical procedure and had an inpatient stay.

Instructions:

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

Denominator:

All patients who underwent an otolaryngologic surgical procedure

Denominator Exclusion:

- Patients who expire during hospitalization
- Patients with severe postoperative complications requiring prolonged hospitalization (e.g., sepsis, stroke)
- Patients undergoing staged or multi-step procedures requiring planned prolonged hospitalization
- Patients with significant preoperative comorbidities impacting LOS (e.g., advanced malignancy, severe cardiopulmonary disease)
- Patients admitted for surgical complications or unplanned readmissions.
- Patients discharged Against Medical Advice (AMA)
- Patients transferred to another acute care facility

Denominator Exceptions:

None

Numerator:

Total number of inpatient days for patients who underwent an otolaryngologic surgical procedure

Numerator Note:

- This is calculated as the number of days between the procedure date and the discharge date
- Patient must have two continuous days without any recorded procedure codes, starting from the surgery date and up to 180 days post-surgery.
- Patient must have a length of stay <180-days

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