



Measure Concept #1: Timely Combination Antiviral and Steroid Therapy for Bell's Palsy

Measure Description:

Percentage of patients aged 16 years and older with new-onset Bell's palsy who are prescribed oral antiviral therapy in addition to high-dose oral steroids within 72 hours of symptom onset.

Denominator:

All patients aged 16 years and older with new-onset Bell's palsy.

Denominator Note:

To meet the denominator criteria, a patient must have a visit with a documented diagnosis of new onset Bell's Palsy (G51.0). Due to the wide variation in the use of ICD-10 code, G51.0, the code description will be evaluated to confirm Bell's Palsy.

Numerator:

Patients who were prescribed oral antiviral therapy and high-dose oral steroids within 72 hours of symptom onset.

Supporting Clinical Practice Guideline (CPG):

This quality measure is based on the updated clinical practice guideline for Bell's Palsy that was available for public comment in April 2026—Key Action Statement 5 (Recommendation). This quality measure may change based on final publication of that clinical practice guideline in Spring 2026.

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