



Measure Concept #2: Postoperative Sinonasal Debridement Utilization Following Functional Endoscopic Sinus Surgery (FESS)

Measure Description:

Average number of postoperative sinonasal debridements per patient aged 18 years and older within 30 days after index FESS among eligible adult patients with chronic rhinosinusitis.

Denominator:

All eligible patients aged 18 years and older with chronic rhinosinusitis who underwent an index FESS (functional endoscopic sinus surgery).

Numerator:

The total number of postoperative sinonasal debridements performed within 30 days after the index FESS across all patients in the denominator.

Supporting Clinical Guidance:

Postoperative care after FESS is important, and debridement is commonly used to remove crusting, coagulum, early synechiae, and devitalized tissue that may impair healing. The AAO-HNS position statement says debridement aids healing and that, under normal circumstances, 1 to 3 postoperative debridements are typical, with frequency driven by disease severity, comorbidities, patient intranasal care compliance, and wound healing.

American Academy of Otolaryngology–Head and Neck Surgery. *Position statement: Debridement of the sinus cavity after ESS.* <https://www.entnet.org/resource/position-statement-debridement-of-the-sinus-cavity-after-ess/>

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