## Electrocardiogram (ECG) Performed for Syncope

This measure is to be reported **each time** a patient is discharged from the emergency department with a diagnosis of syncope during the reporting period.

#### Measure description

Percentage of patients aged 60 years and older with an emergency department discharge diagnosis of syncope who had an ECG performed

# What will you need to report for each patient who has an emergency department discharge diagnosis of syncope for this measure?

If you select this measure for reporting, you will report:

■ Whether or not the patient had an electrocardiogram (ECG) performed

# What if this process or outcome of care is not appropriate for your patient?

There may be times when it is not appropriate for a patient to have an electrocardiogram (ECG) performed, due to:

- Medical reasons (eg, not indicated, contraindicated, other medical reason) OR
- Patient reasons (eg, patient declined, economic, social, religious, other patient reason)

In these cases, you will need to indicate which reason applies, specify the reason on the worksheet and in the medical chart. The office/billing staff will then report a code with a modifier that represents these valid reasons (also called exclusions).

# Electrocardiogram (ECG) Performed for Syncope

PQRI Data Collection Sheet					
				/ /	☐ Male ☐ Female
'atient's Name Practice Med	Practice Medical Record Number (MRN)			Birth Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Gender
lational Provider Identifier (NPI)				Date of Service	
Clinical Information				Billing Information	
Step 1 Is patient eligible for this n	neasure?				
		Yes	No	Code Required on Claim Form	
Patient is aged 60 years and older.				Verify date of birth on claim form.	
Patient has emergency department (ED) di diagnosis of syncope.	scharge			Refer to coding specifications document for list of applicable codes.	
There is a CPT E/M Service Code for this v	isit.				
If <b>No</b> is checked for any of the above, STOP. Do not report a CPT category II code.					
Step 2 Does patient meet or have for not meeting the measur	•	ble reas	on		
12-Lead ECG		Yes	No	Code to be Reported on Line 24 if <i>Yes</i> (or Service Line 24 of Ele	
Performed				3120F	
Not performed for one of the following reas	sons:				
<ul> <li>Medical (eg, not indicated, contraindicated) other medical reason)</li> </ul>	ed,			3120F–1P	
Patient (eg, patient declined, economic, social, religious, other patient reason)				3120F-2P	
Document reason here and in medical chart.				If <b>No</b> is checked for <b>all</b> of the above, report 3120F–8P (12-Lead ECG not performed, reason not otherwise specified.)	

## Electrocardiogram (ECG) Performed for Syncope

#### **Coding Specifications**

Codes required to document patient has syncope and an emergency department visit occurred:

An ICD-9 diagnosis code for syncope and a CPT E/M service code are required to identify patients to be included in this measure.

#### Syncope ICD-9 diagnosis codes

■ 780.2 (syncope and collapse)

#### **AND**

#### CPT E/M service codes

- 99281, 99282, 99283, 99284, 99285 (emergency department visit),
- 99291 (critical care)

Quality codes for this measure (one of the following for every eligible patient):

#### **CPT II Code descriptors**

(Data Collection sheet should be used to determine appropriate combination of codes.)

- CPT II 3120F: 12-Lead ECG performed
- CPT II 3120F–1P: Documentation of medical reason(s) for not performing an ECG
- CPT II 3120F-2P: Documentation of patient reason(s) for not performing an ECG
- CPT II 3120F–8P: 12-Lead ECG not performed, reason not otherwise specified

Physician Performance Measures (Measures) and related data specifications, developed by the American Medical Association (AMA) in collaboration with the Physician Consortium for Performance Improvement (the Consortium) and the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) pursuant to government sponsorship under subcontract 6205-05-054 with Mathematica Policy Research, Inc. under contract 500-00-0033 with Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

These performance Measures are not clinical guidelines and do not establish a standard of medical care, and have not been tested for all potential applications.

The Measures, while copyrighted, can be reproduced and distributed, without modification, for noncommercial purposes, e.g., use by health care providers in connection with their practices. Commercial use is defined as the sale, license, or distribution of the Measures for commercial gain, or incorporation of the Measures into a product or service that is sold, licensed or distributed for commercial gain. Commercial uses of the Measures require a license agreement between the user and the AMA, (on behalf of the Consortium) or NCQA. Neither the AMA, NCQA, Consortium nor its members shall be responsible for any use of the Measures.

THE MEASURES AND SPECIFICATIONS ARE PROVIDED "AS IS" WITHOUT WARRANTY OF ANY KIND.

© 2004–6 American Medical Association and National Committee for Quality Assurance. All Rights Reserved

Limited proprietary coding is contained in the Measure specifications for convenience. Users of the proprietary code sets should obtain all necessary licenses from the owners of these code sets. The AMA, NCQA, the Consortium and its members disclaim all liability for use or accuracy of any Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®) or other coding contained in the specifications.

CPT® contained in the Measures specifications is copyright 2006 American Medical Association

G codes and associated descriptions included in these Measure specifications are in the public domain.