Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease (GERD)

Barium Swallow — Inappropriate Use

This measure is to be reported for all patients aged 18 years and older with GERD — a minimum of **once** per reporting period.

Measure description

Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with a diagnosis of GERD, seen for an initial evaluation, who did not have a barium swallow test ordered

What will you need to report for each patient with GERD for this measure?

If you select this measure for reporting, you will need to determine:

■ Whether or not the patient is being seen for an initial evaluation of GERD

If the patient is being seen for an initial evaluation of GERD, you will then need to report:

■ Whether or not you ordered a barium swallow test¹

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

There may be times when it is appropriate to order a barium swallow test, due to:

■ Medical reasons (eg, barium swallow test is indicated)

In these cases, you will need to indicate that the medical 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.)

¹This is an overuse measure. For performance, the numerator will be calculated as the difference between patients in the denominator and patients for whom a CPT Category II code was reported for barium swallow test *ordered*. A higher score indicates appropriate treatment of patients with GERD (ie, the proportion for whom a barium swallow test was *not* ordered).

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		Verify date of birth on claim form.
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Yes	No	Code to be Reported on Line 24D of Paper Claim Form (or Service Line 24 of Electronic Claim Form)
		If No, report 3200F–8P and STOP.
		If Yes , proceed to Step 3.
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		3200F
		3142F-1P
		If No is checked for all of the above, report 3142F (Barium swallow test ordered.)
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Coding Specifications

Codes required to document patient has GERD and a visit occurred:

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

GERD ICD-9 diagnosis codes

- 530.10, 530.11, 530.12, 530.19 (esophagitis),
- 530.81 (esophageal reflux)

AND

CPT E/M service codes

- 99201, 99202, 99203, 99204, 99205 (office new patient),
- 99212, 99213, 99214, 99215 (office established patient),
- 99241, 99242, 99243, 99244, 99245 (outpatient consult)

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 3200F-8P*: Not initial evaluation of GERD.
- CPT II 3200F: Barium swallow test not ordered
- *CPT II 3142F-1P*: Documentation of medical reason(s) for ordering a barium swallow test
- CPT II 3142F: Barium swallow test ordered

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