

Appropriate Testing for Children with Pharyngitis

*This measure is to be reported once for **each occurrence** of pharyngitis during the reporting period for all patients aged 2–18 years.*

Measure description

Percentage of children aged 2–18 years with a diagnosis of pharyngitis, who were prescribed an antibiotic and who received a group A streptococcus (strep) test for the episode

What will you need to report for each occurrence of pharyngitis for this measure?

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

- Whether or not an antibiotic was prescribed or dispensed

If the patient has been prescribed or dispensed an antibiotic, you will then need to report:

- Whether or not a Group A streptococcus test was performed

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

There may be times when it is not appropriate to perform a group-A streptococcus test, due to:

- Medical reasons (eg, not indicated, contraindicated, other medical reason)

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).

Pharyngitis

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PQRI Data Collection Sheet

Patient's Name	Practice Medical Record Number (MRN)	Birth Date (mm/dd/yyyy) / /	Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
National Provider Identifier (NPI)		Date of Service	

Clinical Information

Billing Information

Step 1 Is patient eligible for this measure?			
	Yes	No	Code Required on Claim Form
Patient is aged 2–18 years of age.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Verify date of birth on claim form.
Patient has a diagnosis of pharyngitis.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Refer to coding specifications document for list of applicable codes.
There is a CPT E/M Service Code for this visit.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
If No is checked for any of the above, STOP. Do not report a CPT category II code.			
Step 2 Does patient also have the other requirements for this measure?			
	Yes	No	Code to be Reported on Line 24D of Paper Claim Form (or Service Line 24 of Electronic Claim Form)
Was patient prescribed or dispensed an antibiotic for this episode of pharyngitis?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	If No , report only 4124F and STOP. If Yes , report 4120F and proceed to Step 3.
Step 3 Does patient meet or have an acceptable reason for not meeting the measure?			
Group A Strep Test	Yes	No	Code to be Reported on Line 24D of Paper Claim Form, if Yes (or Service Line 24 of Electronic Claim Form)
Performed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3210F
Not performed for the following reason: • Medical (eg, not indicated, contraindicated, other medical reason)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3210F–1P
Document reason here and in medical chart. _____ _____			If No is checked for all of the above, report 3210F–8P (Group A strep not performed, reason not otherwise specified.)

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Coding Specifications

Codes required to document patient has pharyngitis and an outpatient visit occurred:

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

Pharyngitis ICD-9 diagnosis codes

- 034.0 (streptococcal sore throat),
- 462 (acute pharyngitis),
- 463 (acute tonsillitis)

AND

CPT E/M service codes

- 99201, 99202, 99203, 99204, 99205 (office — new patient),
- 99211, 99212, 99213, 99214, 99215 (office — established patient),
- 99217 (hospital observation discharge services),
- 99218, 99219, 99220 (initial observation care),
- 99241, 99242, 99243, 99244, 99245 (outpatient consult),
- 99382, 99383, 99384, 99385 (preventive medicine services — new patient),
- 99392, 99393, 99394, 99395 (preventive medicine services — established patient),
- 99401, 99402, 99403, 99404 (preventive medicine services — individual counseling),
- 99411, 99412 (preventive medicine services — group counseling),
- 99420, 99429 (preventive medicine services — other),
- 99499 (other E/M service)

Quality codes for this measure (at least two 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 4120F:** Antibiotic prescribed or dispensed
- **CPT II 4124F:** Antibiotic neither prescribed nor dispensed
- **CPT II 3210F:** Group A Strep Test Performed
- **CPT II 3210F-1P:** Documentation of medical reason(s) for not Performing Group A Strep Test
- **CPT II 3210F-8P:** Group A Strep Test not Performed, reason not otherwise specified

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