

# Thoracic Surgery — Recording of Clinical Stage for Lung Cancer and Esophageal Cancer Resection

*This measure is to be reported **each time** a major cancer resection of the lung or esophagus is performed for patients aged 18 years and older with lung or esophageal cancer during the reporting period. It is anticipated that clinicians who perform the listed surgical procedures with a diagnosis of lung or esophageal cancer will submit this measure.*

### Measure description

Percentage of surgical patients aged 18 years and older undergoing resection for lung or esophageal cancer who had clinical TNM staging provided prior to surgery

### What will you need to report for each patient undergoing a resection of the lung or esophagus for this measure?

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

- Whether or not you recorded clinical TNM staging prior to surgery

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

There may be times when it is not appropriate to record clinical TNM staging prior to surgery, due to:

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

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