

Acute Otitis Externa (AOE): Topical Therapy

*This measure is to be reported for **each occurrence**¹ of AOE during the reporting period for all patients aged 2 years and older.*

Measure description

Percentage of patients aged 2 years and older with a diagnosis of AOE who were prescribed² topical preparations

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

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

- Whether or not you prescribed² a topical preparation

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

There may be times when it is not appropriate to prescribe topical preparations, due to:

- Medical reasons (eg, coexisting acute otitis media, tympanic membrane perforation) OR
- Patient reasons (eg, patient declined, economic, social, religious, other patient reason)

In these cases, you will need to indicate which 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).

¹Each unique occurrence is defined as a 30-day period from onset of AOE.

²“Prescribed” includes patients who are currently receiving medication(s) that follow the treatment plan recommended at an encounter during the reporting period, even if the prescription for that medication was ordered prior to the encounter.