

Acute Otitis Externa (AOE): Systemic Antimicrobial Therapy — Avoidance of Inappropriate Use

Coding Specifications

Codes required to document patient has acute otitis externa (AOE) and a visit occurred:

An ICD-9-CM diagnosis code for AOE and a CPT code are required to identify patients to be included in this measure.

All measure specific coding should be reported on the claim(s) representing the eligible encounter.

AOE ICD-9-CM diagnosis codes

- 380.10, 380.11, 380.12, 380.13 (infective otitis externa)
- 380.22 (other otitis externa)

AND

CPT codes

- 99201, 99202, 99203, 99204, 99205
- 99212, 99213, 99214, 99215
- 99281, 99282, 99283, 99284, 99285

Quality codes for this measure:

CPT II Code descriptors

(Data collection sheet should be used to determine appropriate code.)

- **CPT II 4132F:** Systemic antimicrobial therapy not prescribed
- **CPT II 4131F-1P:** Documentation of medical reason(s) (eg, coexisting diabetes, immune deficiency) for prescribing systemic antimicrobial therapy
- **CPT II 4131F:** Systemic antimicrobial therapy prescribed

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