

Computed Tomography (CT) or Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) Reports

*This measure is to be reported **each time** a CT or MRI of the brain is performed for patients aged 18 years and older in a hospital or outpatient setting for patients with a diagnosis or symptom of ischemic stroke or transient ischemic attack (TIA) or intracranial hemorrhage during the reporting period. It is anticipated that clinicians who provide the physician component of diagnostic imaging studies will submit this measure.*

Measure description

Percentage of final reports for CT or MRI studies of the brain performed within 24 hours of arrival to the hospital for patients aged 18 years and older with either a diagnosis of ischemic stroke or transient ischemic attack (TIA) or intracranial hemorrhage or at least one documented symptom consistent with ischemic stroke or TIA or intracranial hemorrhage that include documentation of the presence or absence of each of the following: hemorrhage and mass lesion and acute infarction

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

Some measures provide an opportunity for the physician or eligible health professional to document when a process or outcome of care is not appropriate for a given patient (also called performance exclusions). Because this measure is applicable to most if not all patients, there are no allowable performance exclusions.

What will you need to report for each patient undergoing CT or MRI of the brain for this measure?

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

- Whether or not a CT or MRI of the brain was performed within 24 hours of arrival to the hospital¹

If the patient had a CT or MRI of the brain performed within 24 hours of arrival to the hospital, you will then need to report:

- Whether or not you included documentation of the presence or absence of hemorrhage and mass lesion and acute infarction in the final CT or MRI report²

¹Studies (CT or MRI) performed at an outpatient imaging center should be considered for the measure if, to the best of the outpatient imaging facility's knowledge, the patient was expected to arrive at the hospital within 24 hours of the study being performed.

²Equivalent terms or synonyms for hemorrhage, mass lesion, or infarction, if documented in the CT or MRI report, would meet the measure.