

Selection of Prophylactic Antibiotic — First OR Second Generation Cephalosporin

*This measure is to be reported **each time** a surgical procedure with the indications for a first or second generation cephalosporin antibiotic¹ is performed for patients aged 18 years and older during the reporting period.*

Measure description

Percentage of surgical patients aged 18 years and older undergoing procedures with the indications for a first OR second generation cephalosporin prophylactic antibiotic, who had an order for cefazolin OR cefuroxime for antimicrobial prophylaxis

What will you need to report for each patient undergoing a surgical procedure with the indications for a first or second generation cephalosporin antibiotic for this measure?

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

- Whether or not there was an order² for cefazolin or cefuroxime for antimicrobial prophylaxis OR
- Whether or not cefazolin or cefuroxime was given for antimicrobial prophylaxis

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

There may be times when it is not appropriate to order a first or second generation cephalosporin antibiotic, 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).

¹Refer to coding specifications document for list of applicable procedures and codes.

²There must be documentation of order (written order, verbal order, or standing order/protocol) for cefazolin or cefuroxime for antimicrobial prophylaxis OR documentation that cefazolin or cefuroxime was given. In the event surgery is delayed, as long as the patient is redosed (if clinically appropriate) the numerator coding should be applied.