

12-Lead electrocardiogram (ECG) Performed for Syncope

*This measure is to be reported **each time** a patient aged 60 years and older is discharged from the emergency department with a diagnosis of syncope during the reporting period.*

Measure description

Percentage of patients aged 60 years and older with an emergency department discharge diagnosis of syncope who had a 12-lead ECG performed

What will you need to report for each patient who has an emergency department discharge diagnosis of syncope for this measure?

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

- Whether or not the patient had a 12-lead electrocardiogram (ECG) performed

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

There may be times when it is not appropriate for a patient to have a 12-lead electrocardiogram (ECG) performed, due to:

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