

Vital Signs

*This measure is to be reported once for **each occurrence**¹ of community-acquired bacterial pneumonia during the reporting period for all patients aged 18 years and older.*

Measure description

Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with a diagnosis of community-acquired bacterial pneumonia with vital signs documented and reviewed

What will you need to report for each occurrence of community-acquired bacterial pneumonia for this measure?

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

- Whether or not you documented and reviewed² the vital signs (temperature, pulse, respiratory rate, and blood pressure)

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.

¹Each unique occurrence is defined as a 45-day period from onset of community-acquired bacterial pneumonia. Claims data will be analyzed to determine unique occurrences.

²Medical record may include one of the following: clinician documentation that vital signs were reviewed, dictation by the clinician including vital signs, clinician initials in the chart that vital signs were reviewed, or other indication that vital signs had been acknowledged by the clinician.