

### Hearing Testing

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*This measure is to be reported **each time** a tympanostomy tube insertion procedure is performed for patients aged 2 months through 12 years with OME during the reporting period.*

#### Measure description

Percentage of patients aged 2 months through 12 years with a diagnosis of OME who received tympanostomy tube insertion who had a hearing test performed within 6 months prior to tympanostomy tube insertion

#### What will you need to report for each patient undergoing a tympanostomy tube insertion procedure for this measure?

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

- Whether or not a hearing test was performed within 6 months prior to tympanostomy tube insertion

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

There may be times when it is not appropriate to perform a hearing test within 6 months prior to tympanostomy tube insertion, due to:

- Medical reasons (eg, not indicated, contraindicated, other medical reason) OR
- System reasons (eg, resources to perform the services not available, insurance coverage/payer-related limitations, or other reason attributable to health care delivery system)

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).