

Inappropriate Use of “Probably Benign” Assessment Category in Mammography Screening

*This measure is to be reported **each time** a screening mammogram is performed for all patients, regardless of age, during the reporting period. It is anticipated that clinicians who provide the physician component of diagnostic imaging studies for screening mammograms will submit this measure.*

Measure description

Percentage of final reports for screening mammograms that are classified as “probably benign”

What will you need to report for each patient undergoing a screening mammogram for this measure?

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

- Whether or not the screening mammogram was classified as “probably benign”^{1,2}

If the screening mammogram was given a classification other than “probably benign,” you will need to report one of the following alternative assessment categories:

- Mammogram assessment category of “incomplete: needs additional imaging evaluation”
- Mammogram assessment category of “negative”
- Mammogram assessment category of “benign”
- Mammogram assessment category of “suspicious”
- Mammogram assessment category of “highly suggestive of malignancy”
- Mammogram assessment category of “known biopsy proven malignancy”

Note: The mammogram assessment category (and corresponding CPT Category II code) to be reported is the single overall final assessment for the mammographic study. Separate breast assessment categories should not be reported for this measure.

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.

¹Definition of “probably benign” classification: MQSA assessment category of “probably benign”; BI-RADS® category 3; or FDA-approved equivalent assessment category

²This is an overuse measure. For performance, a lower percentage, with a definitional target approaching 0%, indicates appropriate assessment of screening mammograms (eg, the proportion of screening mammograms that are classified as “probably benign”).