

### Correlation with Existing Imaging Studies for All Patients Undergoing Bone Scintigraphy

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*This measure is to be reported **each time** bone scintigraphy is performed for all patients, regardless of age, during the reporting period. It is anticipated that clinicians performing the bone scintigraphy study will report on this measure.*

#### Measure description

Percentage of final reports for all patients, regardless of age, undergoing bone scintigraphy that include physician documentation of correlation with existing relevant imaging studies (eg, x-ray, MRI, CT, etc.) that were performed

#### What will you need to report for each patient undergoing bone scintigraphy?

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

- Whether or not you documented correlation with existing relevant imaging studies (eg, x-ray, MRI, CT) corresponding to the same anatomical region in question

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

There may be times when it is not appropriate to document correlation with existing relevant imaging studies, due to:

- System reasons (eg, no existing relevant imaging study available<sup>1</sup>, patient did not have a previous relevant imaging study)

In these cases, you will need to indicate that the system 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).

<sup>1</sup>Correlative studies are considered to be unavailable if relevant studies (reports and/or actual examination material) from other imaging modalities exist but could not be obtained after reasonable efforts to retrieve the studies are made by the interpreting physician prior to the finalization of the bone scintigraphy report.