

Stenosis Measurement in Carotid Imaging Reports

This measure is to be reported **each time** a carotid imaging study is performed for patients, regardless of age, during the reporting period.

Measure description

Percentage of final reports for all patients regardless of age, for carotid imaging studies (neck MR angiography [MRA], neck CT angiography [CTA], neck duplex ultrasound, carotid angiogram) performed that include direct or indirect reference to measurements of distal internal carotid diameter as the denominator for stenosis measurement¹

What will you need to report for each patient undergoing a carotid imaging study for this measure?

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

- Whether or not the final report for carotid imaging study includes direct or indirect reference to measurements of distal internal carotid diameter as the denominator for stenosis measurement

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 not allowable performance exclusions.

¹“Direct or indirect reference to measurements of distal internal carotid diameter as the denominator for stenosis measurement” includes direct angiographic stenosis calculations based on the distal lumen as the denominator for stenosis measurement OR an equivalent validated method referenced to the above method (eg, for duplex ultrasound studies, velocity parameters that correlate the *residual* internal carotid lumen with methods based on the *distal* internal carotid lumen).