

Appropriate Testing for Children with Pharyngitis

*This measure is to be reported once for **each occurrence** of pharyngitis during the reporting period for all patients aged 2 through 18 years.*

Measure description

Percentage of children aged 2 through 18 years with a diagnosis of pharyngitis, who were prescribed an antibiotic and who received a group A streptococcus test for the episode

What will you need to report for each occurrence of pharyngitis for this measure?

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

- Whether or not an antibiotic was prescribed or dispensed

If the patient has been prescribed or dispensed an antibiotic, you will then need to report:

- Whether or not a group A streptococcus test was performed

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 group A streptococcus test, due to:

- Medical reasons (eg, not indicated, contraindicated, other medical reason)

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