

### Acute Otitis Externa (AOE): Pain Assessment

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*This measure is to be reported at **each visit** of AOE during the reporting period for all patients aged 2 years and older.*

#### Measure description

Percentage of patient visits for those patients aged 2 years and older with a diagnosis of AOE with assessment for auricular or periauricular pain

#### What will you need to report for each visit for patients with AOE for this measure?

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

- Whether or not you assessed for auricular or periauricular pain

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

There may be times when it is not appropriate to assess for auricular or periauricular pain, 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).