



**AAO21: Otitis Media with Effusion (OME): Comprehensive Audiometric Evaluation for Chronic OME  $\geq$  3 months**

**High Priority Status:** No / N/A

**NFQ Number:** N/A

**Measure Description:**

Percentage of patients aged 6 months to 12 years of age with a diagnosis of otitis media with effusion (OME) including chronic serous, mucoid, or nonsuppurative OME of  $\geq$  3 months duration who had or received an order or referral for comprehensive audiometric evaluation

**Instructions:**

This measure is to be submitted a minimum of once per performance period for patients diagnosed with OME including chronic serous, mucoid, or nonsuppurative OME of  $\geq$  3 months duration. The measure requires 2 visits for OME. This measure may be submitted by clinicians based on the services provided and the measure-specific denominator coding

**Denominator:**

All patients aged 6 months through 12 years of age with a diagnosis of OME including chronic serous, mucoid, or nonsuppurative OME of  $\geq$  3 months duration

**Denominator Note:**

To meet the denominator criteria, the measure requires 2 visits for OME. The diagnosis must be charted for both encounters to establish OME as chronic and of greater than 3 months duration. The diagnosis code does not need to be the same for both visits. A patient may have acute OME during the first visit and acute or chronic OME during the second visit. OME must be diagnosed on the same side during each visit (e.g., OME in left ear during first visit must be in left ear or bilateral during second visit; or bilateral OME during 1st visit can be either bilateral, left, or right during second visit)

**Denominator Exclusions:**

None

**Denominator Exceptions:**

Patients who had a hearing test within 6 months of the original diagnosis of OME including chronic serous, mucoid, or nonsuppurative OME.

**Numerator:**

Patients who had or received an order or referral for comprehensive audiometric evaluation.

**Numerator Note:**

To meet the intent of the measure, documentation is required that a comprehensive audiometric evaluation was performed or a referral was made during the encounter in which OME is diagnosed. Comprehensive audiometric evaluation is typically performed by an audiologist, but the specific methods will vary with the age of the child.

**Denominator Exceptions:**

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**Measure Classifications:**

Submission Pathway: Traditional MIPS

Measure Type: Process

National Quality Strategy (NQS) domain: Effective Clinical Care

Meaningful Measures Area: Preventive Care

Care Setting(s): Ambulatory Care: Clinician Office/Clinic

Includes Telehealth: Yes

Number of Performance Rates: 1

Inverse measure: No

Continuous measure: No

Proportional measure: Yes

Ratio measure: No

Risk Adjusted measure: No

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