



Complete Summary

TITLE

Acute sinusitis in adults: percentage of patients with a sinus x-ray after an initial visit for acute sinusitis.

SOURCE(S)

Institute for Clinical Systems Improvement (ICSI). Acute sinusitis in adults. Bloomington (MN): Institute for Clinical Systems Improvement (ICSI); 2004 May. 29 p. [67 references]

Brief Abstract

DESCRIPTION

This measure assesses the percentage of patients with a sinus x-ray after an initial visit for acute sinusitis.

RATIONALE

The priority aim addressed by this measure is to decrease the use of sinus x-rays in the diagnosis of acute sinusitis.

PRIMARY CLINICAL COMPONENT

Acute sinusitis; sinus x-rays

DENOMINATOR DESCRIPTION

Total number of patients with an office visit for sinusitis (see the related "Denominator Inclusions/Exclusions" field in the Complete Summary)

NUMERATOR DESCRIPTION

Number of patients in denominator with a sinus x-ray done

Evidence Supporting the Measure

PRIMARY MEASURE DOMAIN

Process

SECONDARY MEASURE DOMAIN

Not applicable

EVIDENCE SUPPORTING THE MEASURE

A clinical practice guideline or other peer-reviewed synthesis of the clinical evidence

NATIONAL GUIDELINE CLEARINGHOUSE LINK

- [Acute sinusitis in adults.](#)

Evidence Supporting Need for the Measure

NEED FOR THE MEASURE

Unspecified

State of Use of the Measure

STATE OF USE

Current routine use

CURRENT USE

Internal quality improvement

Application of Measure in its Current Use

CARE SETTING

Physician Group Practices/Clinics

PROFESSIONALS RESPONSIBLE FOR HEALTH CARE

Physicians

LOWEST LEVEL OF HEALTH CARE DELIVERY ADDRESSED

Group Clinical Practices

TARGET POPULATION AGE

Age greater than or equal to 18 years

TARGET POPULATION GENDER

Either male or female

STRATIFICATION BY VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

Unspecified

Characteristics of the Primary Clinical Component

INCIDENCE/PREVALENCE

Unspecified

ASSOCIATION WITH VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

Unspecified

BURDEN OF ILLNESS

Unspecified

UTILIZATION

Unspecified

COSTS

Unspecified

Institute of Medicine National Healthcare Quality Report Categories

IOM CARE NEED

Getting Better

IOM DOMAIN

Effectiveness

Data Collection for the Measure

CASE FINDING

Users of care only

DESCRIPTION OF CASE FINDING

Patients age 18 and over

Medical groups should identify patients with a visit for acute sinusitis made during the target month. The eligible patients are those 18 years and older who have not

had a visit for sinusitis in the previous 30 days. A minimum of 20 cases per medical group per month is suggested. The patient medical records are reviewed to determine if a sinus x-ray was done.

Data may be collected semi-annually.

DENOMINATOR SAMPLING FRAME

Patients associated with provider

DENOMINATOR (INDEX) EVENT

Clinical Condition
Encounter

DENOMINATOR INCLUSIONS/EXCLUSIONS

Inclusions

Total number of patients with an office visit for sinusitis*

*Number of patients with acute sinusitis based on International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Revision (ICD-9) codes 461, 461.0, 461.1, 461.2, 461.3, 461.8 and 461.9 who have had a sinus x-ray and who have not had a visit for sinusitis in the previous 30 days.

Exclusions

Unspecified

NUMERATOR INCLUSIONS/EXCLUSIONS

Inclusions

Number of patients in denominator with a sinus x-ray done

Exclusions

Unspecified

DENOMINATOR TIME WINDOW

Time window precedes index event

NUMERATOR TIME WINDOW

Encounter or point in time

DATA SOURCE

Administrative data
Medical record

LEVEL OF DETERMINATION OF QUALITY

Individual Case

PRE-EXISTING INSTRUMENT USED

Unspecified

Computation of the Measure

SCORING

Rate

INTERPRETATION OF SCORE

Better quality is associated with a lower score

ALLOWANCE FOR PATIENT FACTORS

Unspecified

STANDARD OF COMPARISON

Internal time comparison

Evaluation of Measure Properties

EXTENT OF MEASURE TESTING

Unspecified

Identifying Information

ORIGINAL TITLE

Percentage of patients with a sinus x-ray after an initial visit for acute sinusitis.

MEASURE COLLECTION

[Acute Sinusitis in Adults Measures](#)

DEVELOPER

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ADAPTATION

Measure was not adapted from another source.

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MEASURE STATUS

This is the current release of the measure.

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MEASURE AVAILABILITY

The individual measure, "Percentage of patients with a sinus x-ray after an initial visit for acute sinusitis," is published in "Health Care Guideline: Acute Sinusitis in Adults." This document is available from the [Institute for Clinical Systems Improvement \(ICSI\) Web site](#).

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