General

Title

Advanced chronic kidney disease (CKD): percent of patients with hemoglobin measured at least every 3 months.

Source(s)


Measure Domain

Primary Measure Domain

Clinical Quality Measures: Process

Secondary Measure Domain

Does not apply to this measure

Brief Abstract

Description

This measure assesses the percent of patients with advanced chronic kidney disease (CKD) who have their hemoglobin measured at least every three months.

Rationale

Anemia is common in patients with advanced chronic kidney disease (CKD) and can lead to a variety of detrimental effects. In addition to the direct effects of anemia on performance and ischemic symptoms, it has also been suggested that mortality and major complications during end-stage renal disease (ESRD) are associated with anemia that develops early in the course of CKD. Correcting anemia before the initiation of renal replacement therapy (RRT) may improve health outcomes.

Evidence for Rationale

Kleinman KS, Schweitzer SU, Perdue ST, Bleifer KH, Abels RI. The use of recombinant human erythropoietin in the correction of anemia in...
Primary Health Components

Advanced chronic kidney disease; anemia; hemoglobin measurement

Denominator Description

The number of adult patients with advanced chronic kidney disease (CKD) for at least three months, not currently receiving renal replacement therapy

Numerator Description

The number of patients from the denominator with hemoglobin (Hb) measured at least every 3 months (90 days)

Evidence Supporting the Measure

Type of Evidence Supporting the Criterion of Quality for the Measure

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

A formal consensus procedure, involving experts in relevant clinical, methodological, public health and organizational sciences

A systematic review of the clinical research literature (e.g., Cochrane Review)

Additional Information Supporting Need for the Measure

- Two studies have identified anemia as being prevalent in patients with advanced chronic kidney disease and it is also clear that the severity of anemia increases considerably with worsening renal function.
- Anemia is associated with increased mortality, detrimental effects on cardiac function, exercise capacity, quality of life, and cognitive function.

Evidence for Additional Information Supporting Need for the Measure


### Extent of Measure Testing
Unspecified

### State of Use of the Measure

#### State of Use
Current routine use

#### Current Use
not defined yet

### Application of the Measure in its Current Use

#### Measurement Setting
Ambulatory/Office-based Care

Hospital Outpatient

Professionals Involved in Delivery of Health Services
not defined yet

Least Aggregated Level of Services Delivery Addressed
Individual Clinicians or Public Health Professionals

Statement of Acceptable Minimum Sample Size
Unspecified

Target Population Age
Age greater than or equal to 18 years

Target Population Gender
Either male or female

National Strategy for Quality Improvement in Health Care

National Quality Strategy Aim
Better Care

National Quality Strategy Priority
Prevention and Treatment of Leading Causes of Mortality

Institute of Medicine (IOM) National Health Care Quality Report
Categories

IOM Care Need
Living with Illness

IOM Domain
Effectiveness
Data Collection for the Measure

Case Finding Period
Unspecified

Denominator Sampling Frame
Patients associated with provider

Denominator (Index) Event or Characteristic
Clinical Condition
Patient/Individual (Consumer) Characteristic

Denominator Time Window
not defined yet

Denominator Inclusions/Exclusions
Inclusions
Adult patients age 18 years and older with chronic kidney disease stage 4 or 5 (glomerular filtration rate [GFR] less than or equal to 30 mL/min/1.73 m²) for at least three months, not currently receiving renal replacement therapy

Exclusions
Unspecified

Exclusions/Exceptions
not defined yet

Numerator Inclusions/Exclusions
Inclusions
The number of patients from the denominator with hemoglobin (Hb) measured at least every three months (90 days)

Exclusions
Unspecified

Numerator Search Strategy
Fixed time period or point in time

Data Source
Administrative clinical data
Laboratory data
Type of Health State

Does not apply to this measure

Instruments Used and/or Associated with the Measure

Unspecified

Computation of the Measure

Measure Specifies Disaggregation

Does not apply to this measure

Scoring

Rate/Proportion

Interpretation of Score

Desired value is a higher score

Allowance for Patient or Population Factors

not defined yet

Standard of Comparison

not defined yet

Identifying Information

Original Title

Number of patients with Hb measured at least every 3 months / number of patients with advanced CKD.

Measure Collection Name

Clinical Performance Measures on Appropriate Patient Preparation for Renal Replacement Therapy

Measure Set Name

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