

Appropriate Testing for Pediatric Pharyngitis

Lake County Physicians' Association wants to help improve your Quality ratings. This tip sheet details the key aspects of this specific HEDIS measure, provides useful administrative aids and offers guidance and resources.

What is the measure?

This measure requires performing strep testing on all children who are prescribed antibiotics for acute pharyngitis. The percentage of children 3 to 18 years of age who were diagnosed with only pharyngitis, dispensed an antibiotic and received a group A streptococcus (strep) test for the episode. A higher rate represents better performance (i.e., appropriate testing).

How to improve your Quality score:

+ Use proper coding: (claims should have 2 codes- 1 for dx and 1 for testing)

- This measure uses administrative claims information to identify patients who were diagnosed with acute pharyngitis, sore throat or tonsillitis and had appropriate strep testing if dispensed an antibiotic.
- Complete strep testing and document testing on a claim to ensure you receive credit.

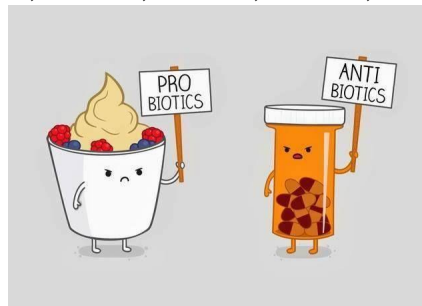
* Document all competing conditions that require antibiotic treatment on a claim.

Diagnosis Codes to identify pharyngitis

Description	ICD-10-CM Diagnosis
Acute pharyngitis	J02.8 and J02.9
Acute tonsillitis	J03.00 - J03.91
Streptococcal sore throat	J02.0

Codes to identify group A streptococcus tests

CPT Codes: 87070, 87071, 87081, 87430, 87650-87652, 87880



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For more information about HEDIS measure Specifications and Evidence for Rationale, please refer to the NCQA Website or the DHHS ARHQ website: <http://qualitymeasures.ahrq.gov/> and <http://www.ncqa.org/HEDISQualityMeasurement.aspx>

Effective January 1, 2014, coding tables were replaced with HEDIS value sets. A value set is the complete set of codes used to identify a service or condition included in a measure. Access the NCQA link to obtain detailed information on 2015 -2016 technical specifications and data sets: <http://www.ncqa.org/HEDISQualityMeasurement/HEDISMeasures/HEDIS2016.aspx>