Measure #323: Cardiac Stress Imaging Not Meeting Appropriate Use Criteria: Routine Testing After Percutaneous Coronary Intervention (PCI) – National Quality Strategy Domain: Efficiency and Cost Reduction

2017 OPTIONS FOR INDIVIDUAL MEASURES:
REGISTRY ONLY

MEASURE TYPE:
Efficiency

DESCRIPTION:
Percentage of all stress single-photon emission computed tomography (SPECT) myocardial perfusion imaging (MPI), stress echocardiogram (ECHO), cardiac computed tomography angiography (CCTA), and cardiovascular magnetic resonance (CMR) performed in patients aged 18 years and older routinely after percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI), with reference to timing of test after PCI and symptom status

INSTRUCTIONS:
This measure is to be reported once per procedure of cardiac stress imaging (i.e., SPECT, MPI, ECHO, CCTA and CMR) for patients seen during the performance period. There is no diagnosis associated with this measure. It is anticipated that eligible clinicians who provide the professional component of diagnostic imaging studies for cardiac stress will submit this measure.

Measure Reporting:
The listed denominator criteria is used to identify the intended patient population. The numerator options included in this specification are used to submit the quality actions allowed by the measure. The quality-data codes listed do not need to be submitted for registry-based submissions; however, these codes may be submitted for those registries that utilize claims data.

DENOMINATOR:
All instances of stress single-photon emission computed tomography (SPECT) myocardial perfusion imaging (MPI), stress echocardiogram (ECHO), cardiac computed tomography angiography (CCTA), or cardiovascular magnetic resonance (CMR) performed on patients aged 18 years and older during the reporting period

Denominator Criteria (Eligible Cases):
Patients aged ≥ 18 years on date of encounter
AND
Cardiac Stress Imaging Performed – Procedure Codes (CPT): 75559, 75563, 75571, 75572, 75573, 75574, 78451, 78452, 78453, 78454, 78491, 78492, 78494, 93350, 93351

NUMERATOR:
Number of stress SPECT MPI, stress echo, CCTA and CMR performed in asymptomatic patients within 2 years of the most recent PCI

Numerator Instructions:
INVERSE MEASURE - A lower calculated performance rate for this measure indicates better clinical care or control. The “Performance Not Met” numerator option for this measure is the representation of the better clinical quality or control. Reporting that numerator option will produce a performance rate that trends closer to 0%, as quality increases. For inverse measures a rate of 100% means all of the denominator eligible patients did not receive the appropriate care or were not in proper control.
**NUMERATOR NOTE:** A lower calculated performance rate for this measure indicates better clinical care or control. This measure is assessing overuse of cardiac stress imaging in asymptomatic patients that received PCI. Clinical quality outcome is cardiac stress imaging NOT performed on patient who is asymptomatic or low CHD risk.

**Numerator Options:**

**Performance Met:**
Cardiac Stress Imaging performed primarily for monitoring of asymptomatic patient who had PCI within 2 years (G8963)

**OR**

**Performance Not Met:**
Cardiac Stress Imaging test performed primarily for any other reason than monitoring of asymptomatic patient who had PCI within 2 years (e.g., symptomatic patient, patient greater than 2 years since PCI, initial evaluation, etc.) (G8964)

**RATIONALE:**
Diagnostic testing, such as stress SPECT MPI, stress echocardiography, CCTA and CMR, is used to detect disease and provide risk assessment used to modify treatment strategies and approaches. Information provided by such testing can initiate, modify and stop further treatments for coronary heart disease (medications and revascularization) which have an impact on patient outcomes.

In addition, false positives and false negatives can adversely impact the patient and their treatment outcomes. Lastly, radiation from stress SPECT MPI and CCTA poses a minimal but still important consideration for patient safety.

Ensuring proper patient selection can avoid using resources in patients not expected to benefit from the testings and for which the associated risks would be unnecessary.

**CLINICAL RECOMMENDATION STATEMENTS:**

**2005 PCI Guidelines**
Text (No recommendations)

Neither exercise testing nor radionuclide imaging is indicated for the routine, periodic monitoring of asymptomatic patients after PCI without specific indications.

**2011 ACCF/AHA/SCAI Guideline for Percutaneous Coronary Intervention**

**AUC Indications**

**2008 Appropriateness Criteria for Stress Echocardiography**

**Indication 39:** Risk Assessment: Post-Revascularization (PCI or CABG): Asymptomatic: Asymptomatic (eg, silent ischemia) prior to previous revascularization AND less than 2 years after PCI - Inappropriate (3)

**Indication 40:** Risk Assessment: Post-Revascularization (PCI or CABG): Asymptomatic: Symptomatic prior to previous revascularization AND less than 2 years after PCI - Inappropriate (2)


**2009 Appropriate Use Criteria for Cardiac Radionuclide Imaging**

**Indication 59:** Risk Assessment: Post Revascularization (PCI or CABG): Asymptomatic: Less than 2 years after PCI – Inappropriate (3)

ACCF/ASE/AHA/ASNC/HFSA/HRS/SCAI/SCCM/SCCT/SCMR 2011 Appropriate Use Criteria for Cardiac Radionuclide Imaging

**Indication 59:** Risk Assessment: Post Revascularization (PCI or CABG): Asymptomatic: Less than 2 years after PCI – Inappropriate (3)

2006 Appropriateness Criteria for CCT and CMR Indication 27. Detection of CAD: Post-Revascularization (PCI or
CABG) (Use of CCTA): Evaluation for in-stent restenosis and coronary anatomy after PCI - Inappropriate (2)

2010 Appropriate Use Criteria for Cardiac Computed Tomography (J Am Coll Cardiol, 2010)

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Denominator

Start

Yes

No

Patient Age at Date of Service ≥ 18 Years

Data Completeness Met + Performance Met
G9613 or equivalent (4 procedures)

Cardiac Stress Imaging Performed Primarily for Monitoring of Asymptomatic Patient Who Had PCI Within 2 Years

Data Completeness Met + Performance Met
G9614 or equivalent (3 procedures)

Not Included in Eligible Population/Denominator

Cardiac Stress Imaging Performed as Listed in Denominator* (1/1/2017 thru 12/31/2017)

Yes

No

Yes

No

Include in Eligible Population/Denominator (8 procedures)

Data Completeness Not Met
Quality-Data Code or equivalent not reported (1 procedure)

SAMPLE CALCULATIONS:

Data Completeness=

Performance Met (a=4 procedures) + Performance Not Met (c=3 procedures) = 7 procedures = 87.50%

Eligible Population / Denominator (d=8 procedures) = 8 procedures

Performance Rate**=

Performance Met (a=4 procedures) = 4 procedures = 57.14%

Data Completeness Numerator (7 procedures) = 7 procedures

* See the posted Measure Specification for specific coding and instructions to report this measure.

**A lower calculated performance rate for this measure indicates better clinical care or control.

NOTE: Reporting Frequency: Procedure

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Please refer to the specific section of the Measure Specification to identify the denominator and numerator information for use in reporting this Individual Measure. NOTE: A lower calculated performance rate for this measure indicates better clinical care or control.

1. Start with Denominator

2. Check Patient Age:
   a. If the Age is greater than or equal to 18 years of age at Date of Service and equals No during the measurement period, do not include in Eligible Patient Population. Stop Processing.
   b. If the Age is greater than or equal to 18 years of age at Date of Service and equals Yes during the measurement period, proceed to check Cardiac Stress Imaging Performed as Listed in Denominator.

3. Check Cardiac Stress Imaging Performed:
   a. If Cardiac Stress Imaging Performed as Listed in the Denominator equals No, do not include in Eligible Population. Stop Processing.
   b. If Cardiac Stress Imaging Performed as Listed in the Denominator equals Yes, include in Eligible Population.

4. Denominator Population:
   a. Denominator population is all Eligible Patients in the denominator. Denominator is represented as Denominator in the Sample Calculation listed at the end of this document. Letter d equals 8 procedures in the sample calculation.

5. Start Numerator

6. Check Cardiac Stress Imaging Performed Primarily for Monitoring of Asymptomatic Patient who had PCI Within 2 Years:
   a. If Cardiac Stress Imaging Performed Primarily for Monitoring of Asymptomatic Patient who had PCI Within 2 Years equals Yes, include in Data Completeness Met and Performance Met.
   b. Data Completeness Met and Performance Met letter is represented in the Data Completeness and Performance Rate in the Sample Calculation listed at the end of this document. Letter a equals 4 procedures in the Sample Calculation.
   c. If Cardiac Stress Imaging Performed Primarily for Monitoring of Asymptomatic Patient who had PCI Within 2 Years equals No, proceed to Cardiac Stress Imaging Test Performed Primarily for Any Other Reason than Monitoring of Asymptomatic Patient Who Had PCI Within 2 years.

7. Check Cardiac Stress Imaging Test Performed Primarily for Any Other Reason than Monitoring of Asymptomatic Patient Who Had PCI Within 2 years:
   a. If Cardiac Stress Imaging Test Performed Primarily for Any Other Reason than Monitoring of Asymptomatic Patient Who Had PCI Within 2 years equals Yes, include in Data Completeness Met and Performance Not Met.
b. Data Completeness Met and Performance Not Met is represented in the Data Completeness and Performance Rate in the Sample Calculation listed at the end of this document. Letter c equals 3 procedures in the Sample Calculation.

c. If Cardiac Stress Imaging Test Performed Primarily for Any Other Reason than Monitoring of Asymptomatic Patient Who Had PCI Within 2 years equals No, proceed to Data Completeness Not Met.

8. Check Data Completeness Not Met:

a. If Data Completeness Not Met equals No, Quality Data Code or equivalent not reported. 1 procedure has been subtracted from the data completeness numerator in the sample calculation.

**SAMPLE CALCULATIONS:**

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