Measure #142 (NQF 0051): Osteoarthritis (OA): Assessment for Use of Anti-Inflammatory or Analgesic Over-the-Counter (OTC) Medications

2014 PQRS OPTIONS FOR INDIVIDUAL MEASURES: CLAIMS, REGISTRY

DESCRIPTION:
Percentage of patient visits for patients aged 21 years and older with a diagnosis of osteoarthritis (OA) with an assessment for use of anti-inflammatory or analgesic over-the-counter (OTC) medications

INSTRUCTIONS:
This measure is to be reported at each visit occurring during the reporting period for OA patients seen during the reporting period. This measure may be reported by clinicians who perform the quality actions described in the measure based on the services provided and the measure-specific denominator coding.

Measure Reporting via Claims:
ICD-9-CM/ICD-10-CM diagnosis codes, CPT codes, and patient demographics are used to identify patients who are included in the measure’s denominator. CPT Category II codes are used to report the numerator of the measure.

When reporting the measure via claims, submit the listed ICD-9-CM/ICD-10-CM diagnosis code, CPT codes, and the appropriate CPT Category II code OR the CPT Category II code with the modifier. The reporting modifier allowed for this measure is: 8P - reason not otherwise specified. There are no allowable performance exclusions for this measure. All measure-specific coding should be reported on the claim(s) representing the eligible encounter.

Measure Reporting via Registry:
ICD-9-CM/ICD-10-CM diagnosis codes, CPT codes, and patient demographics are used to identify patients who are included in the measure’s denominator. The listed numerator options are used to report the numerator of 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. There are no allowable performance exclusions for this measure.

DENOMINATOR:
All patient visits for patients aged 21 years and older with a diagnosis of OA

Denominator Criteria (Eligible Cases):
Patients aged ≥ 21 years on date of encounter

AND
Diagnosis for osteoarthritis (OA) (ICD-9-CM) [for use 1/1/2014-9/30/2014]: 715.00, 715.04, 715.09, 715.10, 715.11, 715.12, 715.13, 715.14, 715.15, 715.16, 715.17, 715.18, 715.20, 715.21, 715.22, 715.23, 715.24, 715.25, 715.26, 715.27, 715.28, 715.30, 715.31, 715.32, 715.33, 715.34, 715.35, 715.36, 715.37, 715.38, 715.39, 715.40, 715.41, 715.42, 715.43, 715.44, 715.45, 715.46, 715.47, 715.48, 715.49, 715.50, 715.51, 715.52, 715.53, 715.54, 715.55, 715.56, 715.57, 715.58, 715.59, 715.60, 715.61, 715.62, 715.63, 715.64, 715.65, 715.66, 715.67, 715.68, 715.69, 715.70, 715.71, 715.72, 715.73, 715.74, 715.75, 715.76, 715.77, 715.78, 715.79, 715.80, 715.81, 715.82, 715.83, 715.84, 715.85, 715.86, 715.87, 715.88, 715.89, 715.90, 715.91, 715.92, 715.93, 715.94, 715.95, 715.96, 715.97, 715.98


AND

Patient encounter during the reporting period (CPT): 99201, 99202, 99203, 99204, 99205, 99212, 99213, 99214, 99215

NUMERATOR:
Patient visits with assessment for use of anti-inflammatory or analgesic OTC medications documented

Definition:
Assessment - May include: documentation of current medications, continue same medications, change in medication dose, documentation indicating that the patient was asked about OTC medication use.

Numerator Quality-Data Coding Options for Reporting Satisfactorily:
Assessment for Anti-Inflammatory or Analgesic OTC Medications Performed
CPT II 1007F: Use of anti-inflammatory or analgesic over-the-counter (OTC) medications for symptom relief assessed

OR

Assessment for Anti-Inflammatory or Analgesic OTC Medications not Performed, Reason not Otherwise Specified
Append a reporting modifier (8P) to CPT Category II code 1007F to report circumstances when the action described in the numerator is not performed and the reason is not otherwise specified.

1007F with 8P: Use of anti-inflammatory or analgesic OTC medications not assessed, reason not otherwise specified

RATIONALE:
Treatment goals for OA are to reduce pain, maintain or improve joint mobility, and limit functional impairment. Use of anti-inflammatory and analgesics has a documented role in these goals. Assessment of current medication use is a precursor to appropriate pharmacologic therapy.

CLINICAL RECOMMENDATION STATEMENTS:
Initial treatment should include activity modification and trial of analgesic or non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medication (NSAID). (AAOS, A Recommendation)

Acetaminophen has been shown to be as effective a pain reliever as NSAIDs in patients with OA of the knee. (AAOS, A Recommendation)