

Quality ID #350: Total Knee Replacement: Shared Decision-Making: Trial of Conservative (Non-surgical) Therapy

- National Quality Strategy Domain: Communication and Care Coordination
- Meaningful Measure Area: Care is Personalized and Aligned with Patient’s Goals

2021 COLLECTION TYPE:
MIPS CLINICAL QUALITY MEASURES (CQMS)

MEASURE TYPE:
Process – High Priority

DESCRIPTION:
Percentage of patients regardless of age undergoing a total knee replacement with documented shared decision-making with discussion of conservative (non-surgical) therapy (e.g., non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAIDs), analgesics, weight loss, exercise, injections) prior to the procedure.

INSTRUCTIONS:
This measure is to be submitted **each time** a procedure for total knee replacement is performed during the performance period. There is no diagnosis associated with this measure. This measure may be submitted by Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) eligible clinicians who perform the quality actions described in the measure based on the services provided and the measure-specific denominator coding.

Measure Submission Type:
Measure data may be submitted by individual MIPS eligible clinicians, groups, or third party intermediaries. The listed denominator criteria are used to identify the intended patient population. The numerator options included in this specification are used to submit the quality actions as allowed by the measure. The quality-data codes listed do not need to be submitted by MIPS eligible clinicians, groups, or third party intermediaries that utilize this modality for submissions; however, these codes may be submitted for those third party intermediaries that utilize Medicare Part B claims data. For more information regarding Application Programming Interface (API), please refer to the Quality Payment Program (QPP) website.

DENOMINATOR:
All patients regardless of age undergoing a total knee replacement

Denominator Criteria (Eligible Cases):

All patients, regardless of age

AND

Patient procedure during the performance period (CPT): 27438, 27442, 27445, 27446, 27447

NUMERATOR:
Patients with documented shared decision-making including discussion of conservative (non-surgical) therapy (e.g. NSAIDs, analgesics, weight loss, exercise, injections) prior to the procedure

Numerator Options:

Performance Met:

Patients with documented shared decision-making including discussion of conservative (non-surgical) therapy (e.g., NSAIDs, analgesics, weight loss, exercise, injections) prior to the procedure (**G9296**)

OR

Performance Not Met:

Shared decision-making including discussion of conservative (non-surgical) therapy (e.g., NSAIDs, analgesics, weight loss, exercise, injections) prior to the procedure not documented, reason not given (**G9297**)

RATIONALE:

A trial of non-surgical therapy should be used prior to surgery, when possible. Non-surgical therapy may include the use of NSAIDs, other analgesics, exercise, or injections. For patients with severe disability, the patient and surgeon may decide after a thorough review of conservative options that the optimal treatment is to proceed with the operative intervention.

This measure is designed for use by physicians and eligible health care professionals managing ongoing care for all patients undergoing a total knee replacement. This measure addresses the preoperative period.

CLINICAL RECOMMENDATION STATEMENTS:

AAOS 2013 Treatment Guideline of Osteoarthritis of the Knee Evidence-Based Guideline 2nd Edition (AAOS, 2013)

AAOS recommends that patients with symptomatic osteoarthritis of the knee participate in self-management programs, strengthening, low-impact aerobic exercises, and neuromuscular education; and engage in physical activity consistent with national guidelines. (Strong Recommendation)

AAOS suggests weight loss for patients with symptomatic osteoarthritis of the knee and a BMI \geq 25. (Moderate Recommendation)

AAOS recommends nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs; oral or topical) or Tramadol for patients with symptomatic osteoarthritis of the knee. (Strong Recommendation)

OARSI 2008 Recommendations for the Management of Hip and Knee Osteoarthritis Part II (Zhang W, Moskowitz RW, Nuki G, Abramson S, et al., 2008)

Patients with knee OA who are not obtaining adequate pain relief and functional improvement from a combination of non-pharmacological and pharmacological treatment should be considered for joint replacement therapy.

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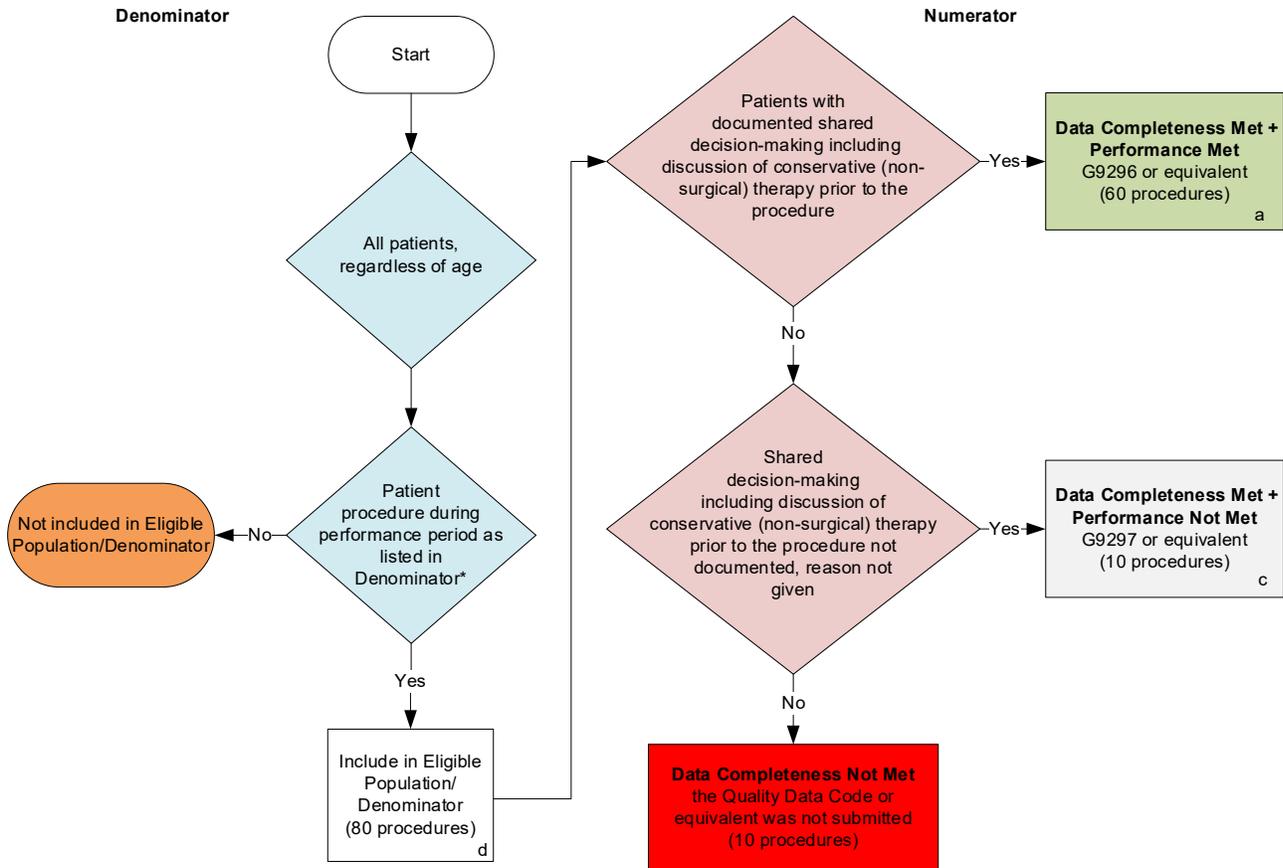
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**2021 Clinical Quality Measure Flow for Quality ID #350:
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SAMPLE CALCULATIONS

Data Completeness=

$$\frac{\text{Performance Met (a=60 procedures)} + \text{Performance Not Met (c=10 procedures)}}{\text{Eligible Population / Denominator (d=80 procedures)}} = \frac{70 \text{ procedures}}{80 \text{ procedures}} = 87.50\%$$

Performance Rate=

$$\frac{\text{Performance Met (a=60 procedures)}}{\text{Data Completeness Numerator (70 procedures)}} = \frac{60 \text{ procedures}}{70 \text{ procedures}} = 85.71\%$$

*See the posted measure specification for specific coding and instructions to submit this measure
 NOTE: Submission Frequency: Procedure

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2021 Clinical Quality Measure Flow Narrative for Quality ID #350:
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1. Start with Denominator
2. All patients, regardless of age
3. Check *Patient procedure during performance period as listed in Denominator**:
 - a. If *Patient procedure during performance period as listed in Denominator** equals No, do not include in *Eligible Population/Denominator*. Stop processing.
 - b. If *Patient procedure during performance period as listed in Denominator** equals Yes, include in *Eligible Population/Denominator*.
4. Denominator Population:
 - a. Denominator Population is all Eligible Procedures in the Denominator. Denominator is represented as Denominator in the Sample Calculation listed at the end of this document. Letter d equals 80 procedures in the Sample Calculation.
5. Start Numerator
6. Check *Patients with documented shared decision-making including discussion of conservative (non- surgical) therapy prior to the procedure*:
 - a. If *Patients with documented shared decision-making including discussion of conservative (non- surgical) therapy prior to the procedure* equals Yes, include in *Data Completeness Met and Performance Met*.
 - *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 60 procedures in the Sample Calculation.
 - b. If *Patients with documented shared decision-making including discussion of conservative (non-surgical) therapy prior to the procedure* equals No, proceed to check *Shared decision-making including discussion of conservative (non- surgical) therapy prior to the procedure not documented, reason not given*.
7. Check *Shared decision-making including discussion of conservative (non-surgical) therapy prior to the procedure not documented, reason not given*:
 - a. If *Shared decision-making including discussion of conservative (non-surgical) therapy prior to the procedure not documented, reason not given* equals Yes, include in *Data Completeness Met and Performance Not Met*.
 - *Data Completeness Met and Performance Not Met* letter is represented in the Data Completeness in the Sample Calculation listed at the end of this document. Letter c equals 10 procedures in the Sample Calculation.
 - b. If *Shared decision-making including discussion of conservative (non-surgical) therapy prior to the procedure not documented, reason not given* equals No, proceed to check *Data Completeness Not Met*.
8. Check *Data Completeness Not Met*:
 - If *Data Completeness Not Met*, the Quality Data Code or equivalent was not submitted. 10

procedures have been subtracted from the Data Completeness Numerator in the Sample Calculation.

Sample Calculations

Data Completeness equals Performance Met (a equal 60 procedures) plus Performance Not Met (c equals 10 procedures) divided by Eligible Population / Denominator (d equals 80 procedures). All equals 70 procedures divided by 80 procedures. All equals 87.50 percent.

Performance Rate equals Performance Met (a equals 60 procedures) divided by Data Completeness Numerator (70 procedures). All equals 60 procedures divided by 70 procedures. All equals 85.71 percent.

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