

**CBE ID**

0054

**Title**

Disease-Modifying Anti-Rheumatic Drug Therapy for Rheumatoid Arthritis (ART)

**Project**

Primary Care and Chronic Illness

**Endorsement Status**

Endorsement Removed

**Is Under Review**

No

**Previous Endorsement Cycle**

Fall 2019

**Removal Date**

Wed, 11/17/2021 - 00:00

**Initial Endorsement**

Sun, 08/09/2009 - 20:00

**Steward**

National Committee for Quality Assurance

**1.0 New or Maintenance**

Maintenance

**1.1 Measure Structure**

Single Measure

**1.3 Electronic Clinical Quality Measure (eCQM)**

No

**1.6 Measure Description**

The percentage of patients 18 years of age and older who were diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis and who were dispensed at least one ambulatory prescription for a disease-modifying anti-rheumatic drug (DMARD).

**1.7 Measure Type**

Process

**1.8 Level of Analysis**

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Health Plan, Integrated Delivery System

## **1.9 Care Setting**

Outpatient Services

### **1.14 Numerator**

Patients who were dispensed at least one ambulatory prescription for a disease-modifying anti-rheumatic drug (DMARD) during the measurement year.

### **1.15 Denominator**

All patients, ages 18 years and older by December 31 of the measurement year, who had two of the following with different dates of service on or between January 1 and November 30 of the measurement year:- Outpatient visit, with any diagnosis of rheumatoid arthritis- Nonacute inpatient discharge, with any diagnosis of rheumatoid arthritis Visit type need not be the same for the two visits.

## **1.20 Types of Data Sources**

Claims Data, Electronic Health Data, Electronic Health Records: Electronic Health Records

### **Exclusions**

Exclude patients who use hospice services or elect to use a hospice benefit any time during the measurement year, regardless of when the services began.

Exclude patients who have a diagnosis of HIV. Look for evidence of HIV diagnosis as far back as possible in the patient's history through the end of the measurement year.

Exclude patients who have a diagnosis of pregnancy any time during the measurement year.

## **Measure Disclaimer**

These performance measures are not clinical guidelines and do not establish a standard of medical care, and have not been tested for all potential applications.

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## **Risk Adjustment**

No risk adjustment or risk stratification

## **Target Population**

Populations at Risk

## **Use In Federal Program**

Medicare Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS), Physician Feedback/Quality and Resource Use Reports (QRUR), Physician Value-Based Payment Modifier (VBM)

## **Steward Organization**

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