

**CBE ID**

0562

**Title**

Overutilization of Imaging Studies in Melanoma

**Project**

Cancer

**Endorsement Status**

Endorsement Removed

**Is Under Review**

No

**Previous Endorsement Cycle**

Full Year 2015

**Removal Date**

Tue, 05/30/2017 - 20:00

**Initial Endorsement**

Thu, 10/29/2009 - 20:00

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**1.0 New or Maintenance**

Maintenance

**1.1 Measure Structure**

Single Measure

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

No

**1.6 Measure Description**

Percentage of patients, regardless of age, with a current diagnosis of Stage 0 through IIC melanoma or a history of melanoma of any stage, without signs or symptoms suggesting systemic spread, seen for an office visit during the one-year measurement period, for whom no diagnostic imaging studies were ordered

**1.7 Measure Type**

Process

**1.8 Level of Analysis**

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Clinician: Group/Practice, Clinician: Individual

## 1.9 Care Setting

Outpatient Services

### 1.14 Numerator

Patients for whom no diagnostic imaging studies were ordered

### 1.15 Denominator

All patients, regardless of age, with a current diagnosis of Stage 0 through IIC melanoma or a history of melanoma of any stage, without signs or symptoms suggesting systemic spread, seen for an office visit during the one-year measurement period

## 1.20 Types of Data Sources

Claims Data, Electronic Health Data, Electronic Health Records: Electronic Health Records, Other, Paper Patient Medical Records, Registry data

### 6.1.2 Current or Planned Use(s)

Professional Certification or Recognition Program, Public Reporting, Quality Improvement (Internal to the specific organization)

## Exclusions

The PCPI exception methodology uses three categories of exception reasons for which a patient may be removed from the denominator of an individual measure. These measure exception categories are not uniformly relevant across all measures; for each measure, there must be a clear rationale to permit an exception for a medical, patient, or system reason. Examples are provided in the measure exception language of instances that may constitute an exception and are intended to serve as a guide to clinicians. For this measure, exceptions may include medical reason(s) (eg, patient has co-morbid condition that warrants imaging, other medical reasons) or system reason(s) for ordering diagnostic imaging studies (eg, requirement for clinical trial enrollment, ordered by another provider, other system reasons). Where examples of exceptions are included in the measure language, value sets for these examples are developed and are included in the eSpecifications. Although this methodology does not require the external reporting of more detailed exception data, the PCPI recommends that physicians document the specific reasons for exception in patients' medical records for purposes of optimal patient management and audit-readiness. The PCPI also advocates the systematic review and analysis of each physician's exceptions data to identify practice patterns and opportunities for quality improvement.

Documentation of medical reason(s) for ordering diagnostic imaging studies (eg, patient has co-morbid condition that warrants imaging, other medical reasons)

Documentation of system reason(s) for ordering diagnostic imaging studies (eg, requirement for clinical trial enrollment, ordered by another provider, other system reasons)

## Planned Use

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(Internal to the specific organization)

**Risk Adjustment**

No risk adjustment or risk stratification

**Target Population**

Elderly

**Use In Federal Program**

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

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