

CMIT ID

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Title

Appropriate Assessment of Retrievable Inferior Vena Cava (IVC) Filters for Removal

Steward Organization Group

Society of Interventional Radiology

Committee

MSR Recommendation Group

Current Program Use

Merit-Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS)

CMS Program History

- Finalized through rulemaking for inclusion in the Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) in 2016.
- Implemented in MIPS starting with Performance Year (PY) 2017.

Description

Percentage of patients in whom a retrievable IVC filter is placed who, within 3 months post-placement, have a documented assessment for the appropriateness of continued filtration, device removal or the inability to contact the patient with at least two attempts.

Numerator

Number of patients that have appropriate IVC filter follow-up.

Numerator Exceptions

N/A

Numerator Exclusions

N/A

Denominator

All patients who have a retrievable IVC filter placed with the intent for potential removal at time of placement.

Denominator Exceptions

N/A

Denominator Exclusions

None

Cascade of Meaningful Measures Priority

Safety

Level of Analysis

Clinician: Group/Practice, Clinician: Individual

Care Setting

Ambulatory Surgery Center, Hospital: Outpatient

CBE Endorsement History

N/A

CBE Endorsement Status

Not Endorsed

About this Analysis (Measure Score by PY)

Impact Summary: This measure supports the Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) by promoting appropriate follow-up assessment for patients who receive retrievable inferior vena cava (IVC) filters, a process intended to support safe device management and timely removal when clinically appropriate.

Due to low reporting on this measure, no benchmark data are currently available in the publicly reported MIPS Quality Benchmarks files reviewed for this assessment. As a result, performance trends and the potential impact of improvement on patient outcomes cannot be evaluated at this time. The absence of benchmark data limits the ability to assess the importance or impact of this measure within MIPS. The measure is included in the Interventional Radiology MIPS Value Pathway (MVP), which may help increase adoption and reporting in the future.

For this measure, Battelle reviewed the following publicly available datasets at [Benchmarks - QPP](#):

- 2026 MIPS Quality Benchmarks.csv
- 2025 MIPS Quality Benchmarks.csv
- 2024 MIPS Quality Benchmarks.csv
- 2023 MIPS Quality Benchmarks.csv

There are no benchmark values for “Measure_ID”=421 in these files, and therefore no data are

available to assess this measure. During these years, CMS did not receive sufficient data submissions to establish a performance period benchmark.

Importance Criterion Definition

The Meaningfulness criterion will be evaluated as part of the full Preliminary Assessment available in September.

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