
CMIT ID

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Title

Coronary Artery Bypass Graft (CABG): Surgical Re-Exploration

Steward Organization Group

Society of Thoracic Surgeons

Committee

MSR Recommendation Group

Current Program Use

Merit-Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS)

CMS Program History

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

Description

Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older undergoing isolated coronary artery bypass graft (CABG) surgery who require a return to the operating room (OR) for mediastinal bleeding with or without tamponade, unplanned coronary artery intervention (native vessel, graft or both), valve dysfunction, aortic reintervention or other cardiac reason during the current hospitalization.

Numerator

Patients undergoing isolated CABG surgery who require a return to the OR for mediastinal bleeding with or without tamponade, unplanned coronary artery intervention (native vessel, graft or both), valve dysfunction, aortic reintervention or other cardiac reason during the current hospitalization.

Numerator Exceptions

N/A

Numerator Exclusions

N/A

Denominator

All patients undergoing isolated CABG surgery.

Denominator Exceptions

N/A

Denominator Exclusions

None

Cascade of Meaningful Measures Priority

Safety

Level of Analysis

Clinician: Group/Practice, Clinician: Individual

Care Setting

Hospital: Inpatient Acute Care Facility

CBE Endorsement History

- This measure was initially endorsed in 2007
- The measure retained endorsement during maintenance in 2018
- Endorsement was removed in 2025

Link to endorsement measure record: [Risk-Adjusted Surgical Re-exploration](#)

CBE Endorsement Status

Endorsement Removed

About this Analysis (Measure Score by PY)

Impact Summary: This measure supports the Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) by assessing the occurrence of surgical re-exploration during hospitalization among patients undergoing isolated coronary artery bypass graft surgery, an outcome associated with serious postoperative complications and patient safety.

Due to low reporting on this measure, no benchmark data are currently available in the publicly reported MIPS Quality Benchmarks files Battelle reviewed for this assessment. As a result, Battelle cannot evaluate performance trends and the potential impact of improvement on patient outcomes at this time. The absence of benchmark data limits the ability to assess the importance or impact of this measure within MIPS. This measure is in the Surgical Care MIPS Value Pathway (MVP), which should 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”=168 in these files, and therefore no data are available to assess. For these years, there has been an insufficient volume of data submitted 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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