Measure #323: Cardiac Stress Imaging Not Meeting Appropriate Use Criteria: Routine Testing After Percutaneous Coronary Intervention (PCI) – National Quality Strategy Domain: Efficiency and Cost Reduction

2016 PQRS OPTIONS FOR INDIVIDUAL MEASURES: 
REGISTRY ONLY

DESCRIPTION:
Percentage of all stress single-photon emission computed tomography (SPECT) myocardial perfusion imaging (MPI), stress echocardiogram (ECHO), cardiac computed tomography angiography (CCTA), and cardiovascular magnetic resonance (CMR) performed in patients aged 18 years and older routinely after percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI), with reference to timing of test after PCI and symptom status.

INSTRUCTIONS:
This measure is to be reported once per procedure of cardiac stress imaging (i.e., SPECT, MPI, CCTA, and CMR) for patients seen during the reporting period. There is no diagnosis associated with this measure. It is anticipated that clinicians who provide the physician component of diagnostic imaging studies for cardiac stress will submit this measure.

Measure Reporting via Registry:
CPT codes and patient demographics are used to identify patients who are included in the measure’s denominator. The listed numerator options are used to report the numerator of the measure.

The quality-data codes listed do not need to be submitted for registry-based submissions. These codes may be submitted for those registries that utilize claims data. There are no allowable performance exclusions for this measure.

DENOMINATOR:
All instances of stress single-photon emission computed tomography (SPECT) myocardial perfusion imaging (MPI), stress echocardiogram (ECHO), cardiac computed tomography angiography (CCTA), or cardiac magnetic resonance (CMR) performed on patients aged 18 years and older during the reporting period

Denominator Criteria (Eligible Cases):
Patients aged ≥ 18 years on date of encounter 
AND
Cardiac Stress Imaging Performed – Procedure Codes (CPT): 75559, 75563, 75571, 75572, 75573, 75574, 78451, 78452, 78453, 78454, 78491, 78492, 78494, 93350, 93351

NUMERATOR:
Number of stress SPECT MPI, stress echo, CCTA and CMR performed in asymptomatic patients within 2 years of the most recent PCI

Numerator Instructions:
INVERSE MEASURE - A lower calculated performance rate for this measure indicates better clinical care or control. The “Performance Not Met” numerator option for this measure is the representation of the better clinical quality or control. Reporting that numerator option will produce a performance rate that trends closer to 0%, as quality increases. For inverse measures a rate of 100% means all of the denominator eligible patients did not receive the appropriate care or were not in proper control, and therefore an inverse measure at 100% does not qualify for reporting purposes, however any reporting rate less than 100% does qualify.

NUMERATOR NOTE: A lower calculated performance rate for this measure indicates better clinical care or control. This measure is assessing overuse of cardiac stress imaging in asymptomatic patients that received
PCI. Clinical quality outcome is cardiac stress imaging NOT performed on patient who is asymptomatic or low CHD risk.

**Numerator Options:**

**Performance Met:**
Cardiac Stress Imaging performed primarily for monitoring of asymptomatic patient who had PCI within 2 years (G8963)

**OR**

**Performance Not Met:**
Cardiac Stress Imaging test performed primarily for any other reason than monitoring of asymptomatic patient who had PCI within 2 years (e.g., symptomatic patient, patient greater than 2 years since PCI, initial evaluation, etc.) (G8964)

**RATIONALE:**
Diagnostic testing, such as stress SPECT MPI, stress echocardiography, CCTA and CMR, is used to detect disease and provide risk assessment used to modify treatment strategies and approaches. Information provided by such testing can initiate, modify and stop further treatments for coronary heart disease (medications and revascularization) which have an impact on patient outcomes.

In addition, false positives and false negatives can adversely impact the patient and their treatment outcomes. Lastly, radiation from stress SPECT MPI and CCTA poses a minimal but still important consideration for patient safety. Ensuring proper patient selection can avoid using resources in patients not expected to benefit from the testings and for which the associated risks would be unnecessary.

**CLINICAL RECOMMENDATION STATEMENTS:**

2005 PCI Guidelines

Text (No recommendations)

Neither exercise testing nor radionuclide imaging is indicated for the routine, periodic monitoring of asymptomatic patients after PCI without specific indications.


AUC Indications

2008 Appropriateness Criteria for Stress Echocardiography Indication 39: Risk Assessment: Post-Revascularization (PCI or CABG): Asymptomatic: Asymptomatic (eg, silent ischemia) prior to previous revascularization AND less than 2 years after PCI - Inappropriate (3)

Indication 40: Risk Assessment: Post-Revascularization (PCI or CABG): Asymptomatic: Symptomatic prior to previous revascularization AND less than 2 years after PCI - Inappropriate (2)


2009 Appropriate Use Criteria for Cardiac Radionuclide Imaging

Indication 59: Risk Assessment: Post Revascularization (PCI or CABG): Asymptomatic: Less than 2 years after PCI – Inappropriate (3)
2006 Appropriateness Criteria for CCT and CMR Indication 27. Detection of CAD: Post-Revascularization (PCI or CABG) (Use of CCTA): Evaluation for in-stent restenosis and coronary anatomy after PCI - Inappropriate (2)

2010 Appropriate Use Criteria for Cardiac Computed Tomography (J Am Coll Cardiol, 2010)

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Denominator

Start

Patient Age at Date of Service ≥ 18 Years

Not Included in Eligible Population/Denominator

Cardiac Stress Imaging Performed as Listed in Denominator* (1/1/2016 thru 12/31/2016)

Yes

No

Incorporate in Eligible Population/Denominator (8 procedures)

Numerator

Cardiac Stress Imaging Performed Primarily for Monitoring of Asymptomatic Patient who had PCI Within 2 Years

Yes

Reporting Met + Performance Met G9863 or equivalent (4 procedures) a

No

Cardiac Stress Imaging Test Performed Primarily for any Other Reason than Monitoring of Asymptomatic Patient who had PCI Within 2 Years

Yes

Reporting Met + Performance Not Met G9863 or equivalent (3 procedures) c

No

Reporting Not Met Quality-Data Code or equivalent not reported (1 procedure)

SAMPLE CALCULATIONS:

Reporting Rate=$\frac{\text{Performance Met (a=4 procedures)} + \text{Performance Not Met (c=3 procedures)}}{\text{Eligible Population / Denominator (d=8 procedures)}} = \frac{7 \text{ procedures}}{8 \text{ procedures}} = 87.50%$

Performance Rate=$\frac{\text{Performance Met (a=4 procedures)}}{\text{Reporting Numerator (7 procedures)}} = \frac{4 \text{ procedures}}{7 \text{ procedures}} = 57.14%$

* See the posted Measure Specification for specific coding and instructions to report this measure.
**A lower calculate performance rate for this measure indicates better clinical control and care
NOTE: Reporting Frequency: Procedure

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Please refer to the specific section of the Measure Specification to identify the denominator and numerator information for use in reporting this Individual Measure. NOTE: A lower calculated performance rate for this measure indicates better clinical care or control.

1. Start with Denominator

2. Check Patient Age:
   a. If the Age is greater than or equal to 18 years of age at Date of Service and equals No during the measurement period, do not include in Eligible Patient Population. Stop Processing.
   b. If the Age is greater than or equal to 18 years of age at Date of Service and equals Yes during the measurement period, proceed to check Cardiac Stress Imaging Performed as Listed in Denominator.

3. Check Cardiac Stress Imaging Performed:
   a. If Cardiac Stress Imaging Performed as Listed in the Denominator equals No, do not include in Eligible Population. Stop Processing.
   b. If Cardiac Stress Imaging Performed as Listed in the Denominator equals Yes, include in Eligible Population.

4. Denominator Population:
   a. Denominator population is all Eligible Patients in the denominator. Denominator is represented as Denominator in the Sample Calculation listed at the end of this document. Letter d equals 8 procedures in the sample calculation.

5. Start Numerator

6. Check Cardiac Stress Imaging Performed Primarily for Monitoring of Asymptomatic Patient who had PCI Within 2 Years:
   a. If Cardiac Stress Imaging Performed Primarily for Monitoring of Asymptomatic Patient who had PCI Within 2 Years equals Yes, include in Reporting Met and Performance Met.
   b. Reporting Met and Performance Met letter is represented in the Reporting Rate and Performance Rate in the Sample Calculation listed at the end of this document. Letter a equals 4 procedures in the Sample Calculation.
   c. If Cardiac Stress Imaging Performed Primarily for Monitoring of Asymptomatic Patient who had PCI Within 2 Years equals No, proceed to Cardiac Stress Imaging Test Performed Primarily for any Other Reason than Monitoring of Asymptomatic Patient who had PCI Within 2 years.

7. Check Cardiac Stress Imaging Test Performed Primarily for any Other Reason than Monitoring of Asymptomatic Patient who had PCI Within 2 years:
   a. If Cardiac Stress Imaging Test Performed Primarily for any Other Reason than Monitoring of Asymptomatic Patient who had PCI Within 2 years equals Yes, include in Reporting Met and Performance Not Met.
b. Reporting Met and Performance Not Met is represented in the Reporting Rate and Performance Rate in the Sample Calculation listed at the end of this document. Letter c equals 3 procedures in the Sample Calculation.

c. If Cardiac Stress Imaging Test Performed Primarily for any Other Reason than Monitoring of Asymptomatic Patient who had PCI Within 2 years equals No, proceed to Reporting Not Met.

8. Check Reporting Not Met:

a. If Reporting Not Met equals No, Quality Data Code or equivalent not reported. 1 procedure has been subtracted from the reporting numerator in the sample calculation.

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