

The intent of these two measures is to ensure patients with incidental findings that are highly likely to be benign do not receive follow up imaging routinely. These are inverse measures where a lower calculated performance rate for this measure indicates better clinical care or control. We recommend radiologists plan to report the "Performance Not Met" numerator option for this measure.

#405: Appropriate Follow-up Imaging for Incidental Abdominal Lesions

Percentage of final reports for abdominal imaging studies for asymptomatic patients aged 18 years and older with one or more of the following noted incidentally with follow-up imaging recommended: Liver lesion ≤ 0.5 cm, Cystic kidney lesion < 1.0 cm and Adrenal lesion ≤ 1.0 cm.

Note: This measure applies to all abdominal imaging studies (CT, MRI and Ultrasound)

The specifications for this measure only mention in the numerator "incidental CT finding" but it should be for all the modalities included in the denominator. Reference [CMS FAQ #14089](#)

Reporting instructions

- **G9551 NO NODULE (None at all, or not an incidental one)**

Final reports for abdominal imaging studies without an incidentally found Liver lesion ≤ 0.5 cm, Cystic kidney lesion < 1.0 cm or Adrenal lesion ≤ 1.0 cm

- **G9547 & G9548 PERFORMANCE MET = "Poor" performance on the measure**

Incidentally found Liver lesion ≤ 0.5 cm, Cystic kidney lesion < 1.0 cm or Adrenal lesion ≤ 1.0 cm and there is recommendation for follow up imaging

- **G9547 & G9550 PERFORMANCE NOT MET = "Good" performance on the measure**

Incidentally found Liver lesion ≤ 0.5 cm, Cystic kidney lesion < 1.0 cm or Adrenal lesion ≤ 1.0 cm and there is not a recommendation for follow up imaging

- **G9547& G9549 MEDICAL EXCEPTION**

Incidentally found Liver lesion ≤ 0.5 cm, Cystic kidney lesion < 1.0 cm or Adrenal lesion ≤ 1.0 cm and there is a medical reason for recommending follow up imaging

#406: Appropriate Follow-up Imaging for Incidental Thyroid Nodules

Percentage of final reports for computed tomography (CT) or magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) studies of the chest or neck or ultrasound of the neck for patients aged 18 years and older with no known thyroid disease with a Thyroid nodule < 1.0 cm noted incidentally with follow-up imaging recommended.

Reporting instructions

- **G9557 NO NODULE (None at all, or not an incidental one)**

Final reports for CT or MRI studies of the chest or neck or ultrasound of the neck without an incidentally found Thyroid nodule < 1.0 cm noted

- **G9552 & G9554 PERFORMANCE MET = “Poor” performance on the measure**

Incidentally found Thyroid Nodule < 1.0 cm noted and there is recommendation for follow up imaging

- **G9552 & G9556 PERFORMANCE NOT MET = “Good” performance on the measure**

Incidentally found Thyroid Nodule < 1.0 cm noted and there is not recommendation for follow up imaging

- **G9552& G9555 MEDICAL EXCEPTION**

Incidentally found Thyroid Nodule < 1.0 cm noted and there is a medical reason for recommending follow up imaging