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Proposed Measures to be Submitted Imaging Efficiency (11/19/09)

No.	Title	Measure Steward
1	Adequacy of data for cardiac imaging orders - Assessment of the completeness of data contained	American College of
	within test requisition for stress SPECT MPI and stress echo. Data contained should be sufficient to	Cardiology
	be used to assess utilization patterns and in the determination of test appropriateness	
2	Stress imaging for low risk patients- Determination of frequency of stress SPECT MPI and stress	American College of
	echo performed in low-risk patients, which constitute a high percentage of all inappropriate tests.	Cardiology
	Value would be calculated as a percentage of all ordered studies.	
3	Stress imaging after PCI- Evaluation of use of stress SPECT MPI and stress echo performed after PCI,	American College of
	with reference to timing of test after PCI and symptom status.	Cardiology
4	Diagnostic Mammography Positive Predictive Value 2 (PPV2 - Biopsy Recommended)- The	American College of
	percentage of diagnostic mammograms recommended for biopsy or surgical consult (BIRADS	Radiology
	Category 4 or 5) that result in a tissue diagnosis of cancer within 12 months.	
5	Screening Mammography Positive Predictive Value 2 (PPV2 – Biopsy Recommended) - The	American College of
	percentage of screening mammograms with abnormal interpretation (BIRADS Category 0, 4 or 5)	Radiology
	that result in a tissue diagnosis of cancer within 12 months.	
6	Cancer Detection Rate (CDR) - The percentage of screening mammograms interpreted as positive	American College of
	(BIRADS Category 4 or 5, or 0) that had a tissue diagnosis of cancer within 12 months.	Radiology
7	Abnormal Interpretation Rate (Recall Rate) - The percentage of screening mammograms	American College of
	interpreted as positive (BIRADS Category 0, 4, or 5).	Radiology
8	Colonic Perforation Rate during Computed Tomography Colonography (CTC) - Percentage of	American College of
	screening or diagnostic CTC exams in which perforation is detected.	Radiology
9	CTC True Positive Rate - Percentage of exams with confirming colonoscopies for a ≥10mm polyp	American College of
	detected by CTC	Radiology
10	CTC Extracolonic Findings- Percentage of exams resulting in recommendations for clinical	American College of
	correlation or additional imaging on the basis of the CTC report.	Radiology
11	Simultaneous Use of Brain Computed Tomography (CT) and Sinus Computed Tomography (CT) -	Centers for Medicare
	The proposed hospital outpatient facility-level measure looks at the use of Brain CT and Sinus CT	& Medicaid Services
	studies performed simultaneously (i.e., on the same date at the same facility).	
12	Use of Computed Tomography (CT) in Emergency Department (ED) for Atraumatic Headache – The	Centers for Medicare
	proposed hospital outpatient measure looks at the use of computed tomography of the brain for	& Medicaid Services
	emergency department patients with a primary diagnosis of a headache.	
13	Use of Imaging (Stress Echocardiography, SPECT MPI and Stress MRI) Studies for Perioperative for	Centers for Medicare
	Low-Risk Non Cardiac Surgery Stress Assessment- The proposed hospital outpatient facility-level	& Medicaid Services
	measure seeks to calculate relative use of stress echocardiography, stress MRI, and SPECT MPI	
	prior to low-risk non-cardiac surgical procedures.	
14	Use of Stress Echocardiography, SPECT MPI, and Cardiac Stress MRI Post Coronary Artery Bypass	Centers for Medicare
	Graft Procedures (CABG) - The proposed hospital outpatient facility-level measure seeks to	& Medicaid Services
	estimate relative use of stress echocardiography, stress MRI, and SPECT MPI in asymptomatic	
	patients within five years after a CABG procedure (excluding those studies performed within the	
	first 6 months following the CABG procedure).	
15	Mammography Follow-Up Rates- This hospital outpatient facility-level measures calculates the	Centers for Medicare
	percentage of patients with mammography screening studies that are followed (within 45 days) by	& Medicaid Services
	diagnostic mammography or ultrasound of the breast study in the hospital outpatient facility	
	setting.	
16	Use of Contrast: Abdomen Computed Tomography (CT) - This hospital outpatient facility-level	Centers for Medicare
	measure calculates the percentage of CT abdomen studies that are performed with and without	& Medicaid Services
	contrast (combined studies) out of all abdomens studies performed (those with contrast, those	
	without contrast, and combined studies performed both with and without contrast).	
17	Appropriate Head CT Imaging in Adults with Mild Traumatic Injury - Percent of adult patients	Partners HealthCare
	undergoing head CT for trauma who presented within 24 hours of a non-penetrating head injury	
	with a Glasgow coma score (GCS) >13 who have a documented indication consistent with	
	guidelines prior to imaging.	

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18	Appropriate Cervical Spine CT Imaging in Trauma - Percent of adult patients undergoing cervical spine CT scans for trauma that have a documented evidence-based indication prior to imaging (Canadian C-Spine Rule or the NEXUS Low-Risk Criteria).	Partners HealthCare
19	Appropriate Pulmonary CT Imaging for Pulmonary Embolism - Percent of patients undergoing CT pulmonary angiogram for the evaluation of possible PE who have a documented indication consistent with guidelines prior to CT imaging.	Partners HealthCare
20	Appropriate Head CT Imaging in Adults with Acute Atraumatic Headache - Percent of adults undergoing head CT for acute, atraumatic headache that have a documented indication consistent with clinical guidelines.	Partners HealthCare
21	Efficient use of head CT scans in children younger than 2 years at very low risk of Clinically-important brain injuries after head trauma. Numerator – Number of children < 2 years deemed at very low risk by prediction rule who receive a head CT. Denominator – Number of children younger than 2 years of age presenting within 24 hours of blunt head trauma with Glasgow Coma Scale scores of 14 or 15 who meet the following 6 criteria: normal mental status, no scalp hematoma except frontal, no loss of consciousness or loss of consciousness for less than 5 seconds, non-severe injury mechanism, no palpable skull fracture, and acting normally according to the parents.	American Academy of Pediatrics Committee on Pediatric Emergency Medicine
22	Efficient use of head CT scans in children between 2 and 18 years at very low risk of clinically-important brain injuries after head trauma. Numerator – Number of children between 2 and 18 years deemed at very low risk by prediction rule who receive a head CT. Denominator – Number of children between 2 and 18 years of age presenting within 24 hours of blunt head trauma with Glasgow Coma Scale scores of 14 or 15 who meet the following 6 criteria: normal mental status, no loss of consciousness, no vomiting, non-severe injury mechanism, no signs of basilar skull fracture, and no severe headache.	American Academy of Pediatrics Committee on Pediatric Emergency Medicine