

Musculoskeletal Measures, March 2014

NOTES

- This chart represents all measures in the NQF portfolio related to musculoskeletal disorders. The “status” column indicates which measures are currently under review.
- Related and competing measures are determined using NQF’s decision logic; further analysis of the measures will take place as the project proceeds.

Measure Title and Steward	Description Level of Analysis Target Population	Measure Type	Status	Related and Competing Measures
MUSCULOSKELETAL				
Imaging				
0514 MRI Lumbar Spine for Low Back Pain	<p>This measure calculates the percentage of MRI of the lumbar spine studies with a diagnosis of low back pain on the imaging claim, and for which the patient did not have prior claims-based evidence of antecedent conservative therapy.</p> <p>Antecedent conservative therapy may include (see subsequent details for codes):</p> <p>1)Claim(s) for physical therapy in the 60 days preceding the lumbar spine MRI;</p> <p>2)Claim(s) for chiropractic evaluation and manipulative treatment in the 60 days preceding the lumbar spine MRI; and,</p> <p>3)Claim(s) for evaluation and management in the period >28 days and <60 days preceding the lumbar spine MRI.</p> <p>Level of Analysis: Facility, Population : National, Population : State</p> <p>Care Setting: Ambulatory Care : Clinician Office/Clinic, Hospital/Acute Care Facility, Imaging Facility</p> <p>Data Source: Administrative claims</p>	Efficiency	Endorsed Measure Under Review	<p>Related Measures</p> <p>0052 MRI Lumbar Spine for Low Back Pain</p>

0052 Use of Imaging Studies for Low Back Pain	<p>The percentage of patients with a primary diagnosis of low back pain who did not have an imaging study (plain X-ray, MRI, CT scan) within 28 days of diagnosis.</p> <p>Level of Analysis: Health Plan, Integrated Delivery System Care Setting: Ambulatory Care : Clinician Office/Clinic, Hospital/Acute Care Facility, Ambulatory Care : Urgent Care Data Source: Administrative claims, Electronic Clinical Data, Electronic Clinical Data : Imaging/Diagnostic Study</p>	Process	Endorsed Measure Under Review	Related Measures 0514 MRI Lumbar Spine for Low Back Pain
Pain Management				
0662 Median Time to Pain Management for Long Bone Fracture	<p>Median time from emergency department arrival to time of initial oral, intranasal or parenteral pain medication administration for emergency department patients with a principal diagnosis of long bone fracture (LBF).</p> <p>Level of Analysis: Facility, Population : National Care Setting: Hospital/Acute Care Facility Data Source: Administrative claims, Electronic Clinical Data, Electronic Clinical Data : Electronic Health Record, Paper Medical Records</p>	Efficiency	Endorsed Measure Under Review	
Rheumatoid Arthritis Disease Modifying Anti-Rheumatic Drug Therapy				
2525 Rheumatoid Arthritis: Disease Modifying Anti-Rheumatic Drug (DMARD) Therapy	<p>Percentage of patients 18 years and older with a diagnosis of rheumatoid arthritis who are newly prescribed disease modifying anti-rheumatic drug (DMARD) therapy within 12 months.</p> <p>Level of Analysis: Clinician : Individual Care Setting: Ambulatory Care : Clinician Office/Clinic Data Source: Electronic Clinical Data : Electronic Health Record</p>	Process	New Measure Submission	Competing 0054 Disease-Modifying Anti-Rheumatic Drug Therapy for Rheumatoid Arthritis
0054 Disease-Modifying Anti-Rheumatic Drug Therapy for Rheumatoid Arthritis	<p>The percentage of patients 18 years and older by the end of the measurement period, diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis and who had at least one ambulatory prescription for a disease-modifying anti-rheumatic drug (DMARD).</p> <p>Level of Analysis: Health Plan, Integrated Delivery System Care Setting: Ambulatory Care : Clinician Office/Clinic</p>	Process	Endorsed Measure Under Review	Competing 2525 Rheumatoid Arthritis: Disease Modifying Anti-Rheumatic Drug (DMARD) Therapy

	Data Source: Administrative claims, Electronic Clinical Data, Electronic Clinical Data : Pharmacy			
Rheumatoid Arthritis Screening and Assessment				
2524 Rheumatoid Arthritis: Functional Status Assessment	Percentage of patients 18 years and older with a diagnosis of rheumatoid arthritis for whom a functional status assessment was performed at least once during the measurement period. Level of Analysis: Clinician : Individual Care Setting: Ambulatory Care : Clinician Office/Clinic Data Source: Electronic Clinical Data : Electronic Health Record	Process	New Measure Submission	
2523 Rheumatoid Arthritis: Assessment of Disease Activity	Percentage of patients 18 years and older with a diagnosis of rheumatoid arthritis and $\geq 50\%$ of total number of outpatient RA encounters in the measurement year with assessment of disease activity using a standardized measure. Level of Analysis: Clinician : Individual Care Setting: Ambulatory Care : Clinician Office/Clinic Data Source: Electronic Clinical Data : Electronic Health Record	Process	New Measure Submission	
2522 Rheumatoid Arthritis: Tuberculosis Screening	Percentage of patients 18 years and older with a diagnosis of rheumatoid arthritis who have documentation of a tuberculosis (TB) screening performed within 12 months prior to receiving a first course of therapy using a biologic disease-modifying anti-rheumatic drug (DMARD). Level of Analysis: Clinician : Individual Care Setting: Ambulatory Care : Clinician Office/Clinic Data Source: Electronic Clinical Data : Electronic Health Record	Process	New Measure Submission	
Gout Drug Therapy				
2526 Gout: Anti- inflammatory Prophylaxis with ULT Therapy	Percentage of patients with gout who are initiated on ULT who are receiving concomitant anti-inflammatory prophylaxis (low dose colchicine, NSAID, or glucocorticoid) to reduce flares Level of Analysis: Clinician : Individual Care Setting: Ambulatory Care : Clinician Office/Clinic Data Source: Electronic Clinical Data, Electronic Clinical Data :	Process	New Measure Submission	

	Electronic Health Record, Electronic Clinical Data : Registry			
2550 Gout: ULT Therapy	<p>Percentage of adult patients > 18 years with a gout diagnosis being prescribed urate lowering therapy (ULT)</p> <p>Level of Analysis: Clinician : Individual Care Setting: Ambulatory Care : Clinician Office/Clinic Data Source: Electronic Clinical Data, Electronic Clinical Data : Electronic Health Record, Electronic Clinical Data : Registry</p>	Process	New Measure Submission	
Gout Serum Urate Assessment				
2549 Gout: Serum Urate Target	<p>Percentage of patients with a gout diagnosis who have been treated with urate lowering therapy (ULT) for at least 12 months, with serum urate checked at least once yearly, with the most recent result being less than 6.8 mg/dl.</p> <p>Level of Analysis: Clinician : Individual Care Setting: Ambulatory Care : Clinician Office/Clinic Data Source: Electronic Clinical Data, Electronic Clinical Data : Electronic Health Record, Electronic Clinical Data : Registry</p>	Process	New Measure Submission	
2521 Gout: Serum Urate Monitoring	<p>Percentage of gout patients who started on or changed urate lowering therapy (ULT), whose serum urate was measured within 6 months after dose change</p> <p>Level of Analysis: Clinician : Individual Care Setting: Ambulatory Care : Clinician Office/Clinic Data Source: Electronic Clinical Data, Electronic Clinical Data : Electronic Health Record, Electronic Clinical Data : Registry</p>	Process	New Measure Submission	