

Premium Specialty: Pulmonology
 Credentialed Specialties include: Pulmonary Medicine
 Patient Total Cost

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We evaluate physicians in the pulmonology Premium specialty using the patient total cost measurement using the condition-based episodes listed in the chart below.

Attribution methods determine which physicians are responsible for giving care to patients. Patient total cost measurement uses patient attribution results. Please view the Attribution Methods document to learn more.

We use two methods to determine if we should include costs from an eligible treatment episode. These methods depend on the condition:

- Always include: Costs from an eligible treatment episode for an attributed patient, regardless of the attributed physician’s level of involvement in the treatment of the patient’s condition.
- Include if involved: Costs from an eligible treatment episode for an attributed patient if the attributed physician is responsible for at least 50% of the costs.

When the physician doesn’t have a sufficient number of patients attributed, the Premium program uses the patient episode cost measurement.

Cardiology Conditions	Always Include	Include if Involved
Cardiomyopathy		X
Congestive Heart Failure		X
Embolism & Thrombosis of Veins*		X
Heart Failure, Diastolic		X
Endocrinology Conditions	Always Include	Include if Involved
Obesity		X
Gastroenterology Conditions	Always Include	Include if Involved
Inflammation of Esophagus		X
Infectious Diseases Conditions	Always Include	Include if Involved
AIDS*		X
Otolaryngology Conditions	Always Include	Include if Involved
Allergic Rhinitis		X
Chronic Sinusitis		X
Other Disorders of Ear/Nose/Throat		X
Pulmonology Conditions	Always Include	Include if Involved
Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome	X	
Asthma*	X	
Bacterial Lung Infections	X	
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease*	X	
Fungal & Other Pneumonia*	X	
Malignant Neoplasm of Pulmonary System	X	
Non-Malignant Neoplasm of Pulmonary System	X	
Occupational & Environmental Pulmonary Diseases	X	
Other Inflammatory Lung Diseases*	X	
Other Pulmonary Disorders		X
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	X	

Pulmonology Conditions (continued)	Always Include	Include if Involved
Pulmonology Diseases Signs & Symptoms	X	
*Episodes for these conditions are excluded from patient total cost measurement for patients whose pharmacy cost data isn't available.		

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