



Premium Specialty: General Surgery

Credentialed Specialties include: Colon and Rectal Surgery; Proctology; Surgery; Surgery Abdominal

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We evaluate quality using national standardized measures. The following chart lists the measures we use to evaluate physicians in the family medicine Premium specialty by condition or procedure. These measures apply to our UnitedHealthcare commercial, UnitedHealthcare Medicare Advantage and UnitedHealthcare Community Plan patient populations, unless otherwise noted.

Please view the [Quality Evaluation Example](#) and [Attribution Methods](#) documents to learn more.

Condition/Procedure	Measure	Compliance Criteria	Measure Type	Attribution Method	Source
Appendectomy	Patient did not have a complication related to the procedure	Patient did not have a complication related to the procedure	Surgical Care	Rendering	Synopsis
	Patient did not have a restudy within 180 days.	Patient did not have a restudy procedure within 180 days after the procedure	Surgical Care	Rendering	Synopsis
Cardiac imaging for Preoperative Risk Assessment for Non-Cardiac; Low-Risk Surgery	Patients of low-risk who did not receive cardiac imaging 30 days prior to a non-cardiac, low-risk surgery	Patient of low-risk did not have cardiac imaging 30 days prior to a non-cardiac, low-risk surgery	Diagnostic Care	Ordering	Contact Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Carotid Imaging for Syncope	Patient(s) with syncope that had a carotid imaging test.	Patient with syncope had a carotid imaging test	Diagnostic Care	Ordering	Synopsis
Cholecystectomy	Patient did not have a complication related to the procedure	Patient did not have a complication related to the procedure	Surgical Care	Rendering	Synopsis
	Patient did not have a restudy within 180 days.	Patient did not have a restudy procedure within 180 days after the procedure	Surgical Care	Rendering	Synopsis
Colonoscopy - Diagnostic	180 Day Redo: Measures whether patients did not have a redo procedure within 180 days after surgery	Patient did not have a redo procedure within 180 days after the procedure	Surgical Care	Rendering	Synopsis
	181 to 365 Day Redo: Measures whether patients did not have a redo procedures between 181 and 365 days after surgery	Patient did not have a redo procedure within 181 and 365 days after the procedure	Surgical Care	Rendering	Synopsis

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Colonoscopy with Treatment	Patient did not have a complication related to the procedure	Patient did not have a complication related to the procedure	Surgical Care	Rendering	Synopsis
	180 Day Redo: Measures whether patients did not have a redo procedure within 180 days after surgery	Patient did not have a redo procedure within 180 days after the procedure	Surgical Care	Rendering	Synopsis
	181 to 365 Day Redo: Measures whether patients did not have a redo procedures between 181 and 365 days after surgery	Patient did not have a redo procedure within 181 and 365 days after the procedure	Surgical Care	Rendering	Synopsis
	Patient did not have a restudy within 180 days.	Patient did not have a restudy procedure within 180 days after the procedure	Surgical Care	Rendering	Synopsis
Concurrent Use of Opioids and Benzodiazepines	Patient(s) who did not have concurrent use of prescription opioids and benzodiazepines	Patient did not have prescription opioid and benzodiazepine medications concurrently dispensed	Patient Safety Care	Prescribing	Contact Pharmacy Quality Alliance
Head Imaging for Syncope	Patient(s) with syncope that had a head imaging test	Patient with syncope did not have a head imaging test	Diagnostic Care	Ordering	Synopsis
Head Imaging for Uncomplicated Headache	Patient(s) with a headache that had a head imaging test	Patient with a headache did not have a head imaging test	Diagnostic Care	Ordering	Synopsis
Incisional or Ventral Hernia Repair	180 Day Redo: Measures whether patients did not have a redo procedure within 180 days after surgery	Patient did not have a redo procedure within 180 days after the procedure	Surgical Care	Rendering	Synopsis
	181 to 365 Day Redo: Measures whether patients did not have a redo procedures between 181 and 365 days after surgery	Patient did not have a redo procedure within 181 and 365 days after the procedure	Surgical Care	Rendering	Synopsis
	Patient did not have a complication related to the procedure	Patient did not have a complication related to the procedure	Surgical Care	Rendering	Synopsis
	Patient did not have a restudy within 180 days.	Patient did not have a restudy procedure within 180 days after the procedure	Surgical Care	Rendering	Synopsis
Inguinal Hernia Repair	180 Day Redo: Measures whether patients did not have a redo procedure within 180 days after surgery	Patient did not have a redo procedure within 180 days after the procedure	Surgical Care	Rendering	Synopsis
	181 to 365 Day Redo: Measures whether patients did not have a redo procedures between 181 and 365 days after surgery	Patient did not have a redo procedure within 181 and 365 days after the procedure	Surgical Care	Rendering	Synopsis
	Patient did not have a complication related to the procedure	Patient did not have a complication related to the procedure	Surgical Care	Rendering	Synopsis

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Inguinal Hernia Repair	Patient did not have a restudy within 180 days.	Patient did not have a restudy procedure within 180 days after the procedure	Surgical Care	Rendering	Synopsis
Lower GI Removal	180 Day Redo: Measures whether patients did not have a redo procedure within 180 days after surgery	Patient did not have a redo procedure within 180 days after the procedure	Surgical Care	Rendering	Synopsis
	Patient did not have a complication related to the procedure	Patient did not have a complication related to the procedure	Surgical Care	Rendering	Synopsis
	Patient did not have a restudy within 180 days.	Patient did not have a restudy procedure within 180 days after the procedure	Surgical Care	Rendering	Synopsis
Umbilical Hernia Repair	180 Day Redo: Measures whether patients did not have a redo procedure within 180 days after surgery	Patient did not have a redo procedure within 180 days after the procedure	Surgical Care	Rendering	Synopsis
	181 to 365 Day Redo: Measures whether patients did not have a redo procedures between 181 and 365 days after surgery	Patient did not have a redo procedure within 181 and 365 days after the procedure	Surgical Care	Rendering	Synopsis
	Patient did not have a complication related to the procedure	Patient did not have a complication related to the procedure	Surgical Care	Rendering	Synopsis
	Patient did not have a restudy within 180 days.	Patient did not have a restudy procedure within 180 days after the procedure	Surgical Care	Rendering	Synopsis
Use of Contrast Material in CT	Patient(s) with a thorax CT test that did not have combined studies (with and without contrast material)	Patient did not have a thorax CT test using combined studies (with and without contrast material)	Diagnostic Care	Ordering	Contact Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
	Patient(s) with an abdominal CT test performed that did not have combined studies (with and without contrast material)	Patient did not have an abdomen CT test using combined studies (with and without contrast material)	Diagnostic Care	Ordering	Contact Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Use of Opioid Medications	Patient(s) 18 years and older who did not have an average morphine equivalent dose (med) > 120 mg/day during the treatment period	Patient did not have an average morphine equivalent dose greater than 120 mg/day	Patient Safety Care	Prescribing	Contact National Quality Forum or National Committee for Quality Assurance
	Patient(s) 18 years of age or older who did not fill opioid prescriptions from four or more different prescribers	Patient did not have opioid medications from four or more different prescribers dispensed	Patient Safety Care	Prescribing	Contact National Quality Forum or National Committee for Quality Assurance

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Use of Opioid Medications (Continued)	Patient(s) age 18 - 64 years who were opioid-naive and were not prescribed access to opioid medication for 15 or more days during the first 30 days following first opioid treatment initiation.	Patient did not have access to opioid medication for 15 or more days during the first 30 days following first opioid treatment initiation	Patient Safety Care	Prescribing	Contact National Quality Forum or National Committee for Quality Assurance
	Patient(s) age 65 years and older who were opioid-naive and were not prescribed access to opioid medication for 15 or more days during the first 30 days following first opioid treatment initiation.	Patient did not have access to opioid medication for 15 or more days during the first 30 days following first opioid treatment initiation	Patient Safety Care	Prescribing	Contact National Quality Forum or National Committee for Quality Assurance
	Patient(s) age 18 - 64 years who were opioid-naive and were not prescribed access to opioid medication for 31 or more days during the first 62 days following first opioid treatment initiation.	Patient did not have access to opioid medication for 31 or more days during the first 62 days following first opioid treatment initiation	Patient Safety Care	Prescribing	Contact National Quality Forum or National Committee for Quality Assurance
	Patient(s) age 65 years and older who were opioid-naive and were not prescribed access to opioid medication for 31 or more days during the first 62 days following first opioid treatment initiation.	Patient did not have access to opioid medication for 31 or more days during the first 62 days following first opioid treatment initiation	Patient Safety Care	Prescribing	Contact National Quality Forum or National Committee for Quality Assurance

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