



Premium Specialty: Ear, Nose and Throat

Credentialed Specialties include: Laryngology; Otolaryngology; Otolology and Neurotology; Pediatric Otolaryngology; Rhinology; Surgery Head and Neck

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We evaluate quality using national standardized measures. The following chart lists the measures we use to evaluate physicians in the ear, nose and throat 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
Acute Bronchitis	Patient(s) with a diagnosis of acute bronchitis that did not have a prescription for an antibiotic on or three days after the initiating visit	Patient with acute bronchitis did not have an antibiotic medication dispensed on or within three days after the initiating visit	Acute Condition Care	Rendering	Contact National Quality Forum or National Committee for Quality Assurance
Acute Otitis Externa	Patient(s) 2 years of age and older with acute otitis externa who were not prescribed systemic antimicrobial therapy	Patient with acute otitis externa did not have a systemic antimicrobial medication dispensed	Acute Condition Care	Rendering	Synopsis
Acute Sinusitis	Patient(s) treated with an antibiotic for acute sinusitis that received a first line antibiotic	The first antibiotic medication patient received for acute sinusitis was a first line antibiotic medication	Acute Condition Care	Rendering	Synopsis
Adenoidectomy	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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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 National Quality Forum or Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Carotid Imaging for Syncope	Patient(s) with syncope that had a carotid imaging test.	Patient with syncope did not have a carotid imaging test	Diagnostic Care	Ordering	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 National Quality Forum or 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
Laryngoscopy with Treatment	90 Day Redo: Measures whether patients did not have a redo procedure performed within 90 days after a primary procedure	Patient did not have a redo procedure within 90 days after the procedure	Surgical Care	Rendering	Synopsis
Medication Safety Monitoring	Elderly patient(s) with dementia who did not take an antiemetic; antipsychotic; benzodiazepine; tricyclic antidepressant; H2 receptor antagonist; nonbenzodiazepine hypnotic or anticholinergic agent after the earliest record of dementia	Patient with dementia did not have an antipsychotic, benzodiazepine, tricyclic antidepressant, H2 receptor antagonist, nonbenzodiazepine hypnotic or anticholinergic agent dispensed after the earliest record of dementia	Patient Safety Care	Patient or Prescribing	Contact National Quality Forum or National Committee for Quality Assurance
Myringotomy	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
	Measures whether the patients did not have a post-procedure confirmatory test within 365 Days	Patient had a post-procedure confirmatory test within 365 days after the procedure	Surgical Care	Rendering	Synopsis

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Nasal Ablation	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
Nasal Endoscopy with Treatment	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
	Complications: Measures whether patients had none of the following complications following inpatient surgery: hemorrhage, pneumonia, mechanical, wound infection, pulmonary embolism, or iatrogenic complications	Patient did not have a complication related to the procedure	Surgical Care	Rendering	Synopsis
Nasal Vestibule 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
Septoplasty	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
Simultaneous Use of Brain Computed Tomography and Sinus Computed Tomography	Patient(s) with a brain CT test performed that had a sinus CT on the same day at the same facility.	Patient with a brain CT test performed did not have a sinus CT on the same day at the same facility	Diagnostic Care	Ordering	Contact Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

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Thyroidectomy	Complications: Measures whether patients had none of the following complications following inpatient surgery: hemorrhage, pneumonia, mechanical, wound infection, pulmonary embolism, or iatrogenic complications	Patient did not have a complication related to the procedure	Surgical Care	Rendering	Synopsis
Tonsillectomy	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(s) 1 - 18 years of age that had a tonsillectomy and met clinical criteria for this procedure	Patient with tonsillectomy had three or more inpatient or outpatient visits with a diagnosis of acute pharyngitis, acute tonsillitis, chronic tonsillitis and adenoiditis, or chronic pharyngitis	Acute Condition Care	Rendering	Synopsis
Tonsillectomy & Adenoidectomy	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
	Complications: Measures whether patients had none of the following complications following inpatient surgery: hemorrhage, pneumonia, mechanical, wound infection, pulmonary embolism, or iatrogenic complications	Patient did not have a complication related to the procedure	Surgical Care	Rendering	Synopsis
Turbinate Excision	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

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Turbinate Excision (continued)	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
Tympanic Membrane 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
	Measures whether the patients did not have a post-procedure confirmatory test within 365 Days	Patient had a post-procedure confirmatory test within 365 days after the procedure	Surgical Care	Rendering	Synopsis
Tympanoplasty	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
	Measures whether the patients did not have a post-procedure confirmatory test within 365 Days	Patient had a post-procedure confirmatory test within 365 days after the procedure	Surgical Care	Rendering	Synopsis
Tympanostomy with General Anesthesia	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
	Measures whether the patients did not have a post-procedure confirmatory test within 365 Days	Patient had a post-procedure confirmatory test within 365 days after the procedure	Surgical Care	Rendering	Synopsis

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Tympanostomy with Local Anesthesia	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
	Measures whether the patients did not have a post-procedure confirmatory test within 365 Days	Patient had a post-procedure confirmatory test within 365 days after the procedure	Surgical Care	Rendering	Synopsis
Upper Respiratory Infection	Patient(s) with a diagnosis of upper respiratory infection (URI) that did not have a prescription for an antibiotic on or three days after the initiating visit	Patient with upper respiratory infection (URI) did not have an antibiotic medication dispensed on or within three days after the initiating visit	Acute Condition Care	Rendering	Contact National Quality Forum or National Committee for Quality Assurance
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
Use of High-Risk Medications in the Elderly	Patient(s) 66 years of age and older who did not receive two or more of the same high-risk medication in the last 12 reported months	Patient did not have two or more of the same high-risk medications dispensed	Patient Safety Care	Patient or Prescribing	Contact National Quality Forum or National Committee for Quality Assurance
	Patients 66 years of age and older who did not receive one or more high-risk medications in the elderly in the last 12 reported months	Patient did not have a high-risk medication dispensed	Patient Safety Care	Patient or Prescribing	Contact National Quality Forum or National Committee for Quality Assurance

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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 did not have opioid medications from four or more different prescribers dispensed	Patient did not have opioid medications from four or more different prescribers dispensed	Patient Safety Care	Prescribing	Contact National Committee for Quality Assurance
Use of Opioid Medications (continued)	Patient did not have opioid medication for 15 or more days during the first 30 days following initial opioid treatment	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 Committee for Quality Assurance
	Patient did not have opioid medication for 31 or more days during the first 62 days following initial opioid treatment	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 Committee for Quality Assurance

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