



Radiology Views™ Newsletter – December 2009

2010 PHYSICIAN QUALITY REPORTING (PQRI) UPDATES TO RADIOLOGY-RELATED MEASURES, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2010

Revisions, deletions, and additions to 2010 PQRI Radiology-related Measures

Measure 10: Stroke and Stroke Rehabilitation: CT or MRI

Measure now includes “Percentage of final reports for CT or MRI studies of the brain performed either:

- In the hospital within 24 hours of arrival, OR
- In an outpatient imaging center to confirm the initial diagnosis of stroke, TIA or intracranial hemorrhage.”

In addition, diagnosis codes for slurred speech (784.51-784.59) were added.

Measure 11: Stroke and Stroke Rehabilitation: Carotid Imaging Reports

This Measure will be retired. A similar new Measure has been added, see Measure 195: Stenosis Measurement in Carotid Imaging Reports, below.

Measure 76: Prevention of Catheter-Related Bloodstream Infections (CRBSI): Central Venous Catheter (CVC) Insertion Protocol

Revision in the code description was made. The description for code 6030F now reads:

“All elements of maximal sterile barrier technique followed including: cap AND mask AND sterile gown AND sterile gloves AND a large sterile sheet AND hand hygiene AND 2% chlorhexidine for cutaneous antisepsis (or acceptable alternative antiseptics, per current guideline (CRIT)”¹

¹Physician Consortium for Performance Improvement, www.ama-assn.org/go/quality



Measure 145: Radiology Exposure Time Reported for Procedures Using Fluoroscopy

Codes added to this Measure:

36147 Introduction of needle and/or catheter AV shunt; initial access

75791 Angiography AV shunt, S & I

Measure 146: Radiology: Inappropriate Use of “Probably Benign” Assessment Category In Mammography Screening

No changes

Measure 147: Nuclear Medicine: Correlation with Existing Imaging Studies for All Patients Undergoing Bone Scintigraphy

No changes

Measure 195: Stenosis Measurement in Carotid Imaging Reports

This is a new Measure for 2010.

Your documentation requirements:

When carotid imaging studies (MRA neck, CTA neck, Duplex Ultrasound, Carotid angiogram) are performed you must include measurement (indirect or direct) of the distal internal carotid diameter.

Additional Information: For descriptions and coding information on the 2010 Measures go to www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/15_MeasuresCodes.asp

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