

Roji Health Intelligence Non-MIPS Measure Specification
RHI 5: Patients with Low Back Pain Who Undergo a Surgical Procedure within 12 Weeks of Referral From a Primary Care Physician

Measure Description

The percentage of patients with a diagnosis of low back pain who undergo an operative procedure on the spine within 12 weeks of an initial consultation

NQS Domain

Patient Safety

Measure Type

Outcome

Measure Numerator

Patients who receive a spinal procedure within 12 months of the consultation

Measure Denominator

Patients age 18 years and older

AND

Patient has a diagnosis of low back pain in the measurement year

AND

Patient was seen with an initial consultation by a neurosurgeon or orthopedist

Denominator Exceptions/Exclusions

Denominator Exclusions:

- Diagnosis of cauda equine
- Diagnosis of recent trauma to the spine
- Diagnosis of cancer
- Diagnosis of neurologic impairment
- Diagnosis of IV drug abuse
- Diagnosis of low back pain in the 180 days prior to the consultation
- Evidence of infection



Performance Calculation

For this measure, performance is calculated inversely, meaning that a lower performance rate indicates better care