Diagnosis and Treatment Arrhythmias: Review of the Performance Measures by the Performance Measurement Committee of the American College of Physicians

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Recommendation
ACP supports NQF 1525: “Atrial Fibrillation and Atrial Flutter: Chronic Anticoagulation Therapy.”

Rationale
ACP supports this measure because it includes appropriate exclusions for "medical risk for not prescribing warfarin" and there is evidence that there is a major practice gap that places patients at risk.

Measure Specifications

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<th>NQF 1525: Atrial Fibrillation and Atrial Flutter: Chronic Anticoagulation Therapy</th>
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<td><strong>Status:</strong> NQF Endorsed, Last Updated June 29, 2015 (2015 PQRS Measure #326)</td>
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<td><strong>Measure Steward:</strong> American College of Cardiology</td>
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<td><strong>Description:</strong> Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with a diagnosis of nonvalvular atrial fibrillation (AF) or atrial flutter whose assessment of the specified thromboembolic risk factors indicate one or more high-risk factors or more than one moderate risk factor, as determined by CHADS2 risk stratification, who are prescribed warfarin OR another oral anticoagulant drug that is FDA approved for the prevention of thromboembolism</td>
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<td><strong>Numerator Statement:</strong> Patients who are prescribed warfarin OR another oral anticoagulant drug that is FDA approved for the prevention of thromboembolism</td>
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<td><strong>Denominator Statement:</strong> All patients aged 18 years and older with a diagnosis of non-valvular atrial fibrillation (AF) or atrial flutter whose assessment of the specified thromboembolic risk factors indicate one or more high-risk factors or more than one moderate risk factor, as determined by CHADS2 risk stratification</td>
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| **Exclusions:** Denominator Exclusions:  
  • Patients with mitral stenosis or prosthetic heart valves  
  • Patients with transient or reversible causes of AF (e.g.; pneumonia, hyperthyroidism, pregnancy, cardiac surgery) |
| **Type of Measure:** Process |
| **Level of Analysis:** Clinician : Individual |
| **Care Setting:** Ambulatory Care: Clinician Office/Clinic |
| **Data Source:** Electronic Clinical Data : Registry |
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