Management of Low Back Pain: Review of the Performance Measures by the Performance Measurement Committee of the American College of Physicians

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**Recommendation**
ACP supports NQF 0052: “Use of Imaging Studies for Low Back Pain.”

**Rationale**
ACP supports this measure because of its' potential to prevent unnecessary screening.
Note* Exclusions should include patients with a history of “injection” drug use, not “intravenous” drug use.

**Measure Specifications**

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**Care Setting:** Ambulatory Care: Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC), Ambulatory Care: Clinician Office/Clinic, Ambulatory Care: Outpatient Rehabilitation

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