ACP does not support PQRS 180: “Glucocorticoid Management.” Although we recognize the importance of managing the lowest effective dose of glucocorticoids and using alternative therapies when possible, both the numerator and the denominator are poorly specified. A cleaner measure would specify “patients with rheumatoid arthritis (RA) who are on glucocorticoids” in the denominator statement. Additionally, the current American College of Rheumatology (ACR) clinical guidelines demonstrate the importance of assessing glucocorticoid use, but only in patients who have specifically been prescribed glucocorticoid therapy.

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