ACP does not support measure NQF 0243: “Stroke and Stroke Rehabilitation: Screening for Dysphagia” because it lacks appropriate provision for risk stratification. In addition, the screening tools for dysphagia are not standardized. Application of the measure to all stroke patients appears to encourage overuse and may lead to inappropriate delays in feeding in some cases. The measure would be improved by clearer guidance on when to screen, how to assess risk based on disease severity, and what represents best clinical practice in how to screen.

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