



### **AAO37: Dysphonia: Laryngeal Examination**

**High Priority Status:** Yes / Patient Safety

**CBE Number:** N/A

**Measure Description:**

Percentage of patients who were diagnosed with dysphonia that failed to resolve within 4 weeks and received a laryngoscopy.

**Instructions:**

This measure is to be submitted once for **each occurrence** of dysphonia during the performance period. For the purpose of submitting this measure, only unique occurrences of dysphonia episodes within the current performance period will be included. A unique occurrence of dysphonia is defined as the period of time that begins with the onset of dysphonia diagnosis and ends 90 days after the onset of diagnosing.

**Denominator:**

All patients diagnosed with dysphonia with symptoms lasting longer than 4 weeks.

**Denominator note:** To be eligible for the denominator, a patient record must have

- Documentation of dysphonia onset date at least four weeks prior to the current encounter
- Documentation of dysphonia during two encounters at least 4 weeks apart.

**Dysphonia definition:** Dysphonia is a disorder characterized by harsh and raspy voice arising from or spreading to the larynx. For the purposes of this measure, dysphonia refers to a change or hoarseness in the patient's voice.

**Denominator Exclusions:**

None

**Numerator:**

Patients who received or were referred for laryngeal examination.\*

\*Definition: Laryngeal examination definition: examination by a qualified examiner utilizing flexible laryngoscopy, or stroboscopy to examine vocal fold/cord mobility.

**Denominator Exceptions:**

- Patient refusal of laryngeal examination or plan of care for treatment.
- Acute vocal cord injury within 2 weeks of diagnosis.

**Measure Classifications:**

Submission Pathway: Traditional MIPS

Measure Type: Process

High Priority Type: Patient Safety

Meaningful Measures Area: Appropriate Use of Healthcare

Care Setting(s): Ambulatory Care: Clinician Office/Clinic

Includes Telehealth: Yes

Number of Performance Rates: 1

Inverse measure: No

Continuous measure: No

Proportional measure: Yes

Ratio measure: No

Risk Adjusted measure: No

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