



PHARYNGITIS

Pharyngitis is a common illness in children that can be caused by strep throat. Confirming evidence of strep throat in your patients 2 to 18 years of age is important to appropriately treat them for pharyngitis. Only children diagnosed with strep throat should be treated with antibiotics.

What is the quality measure?

This quality measure focuses on making sure that children between the ages of 2 and 18 who are diagnosed with pharyngitis and prescribed an antibiotic receive strep testing. Please do the following:

-  Perform a group A streptococcus (strep) test **BEFORE** dispensing antibiotics for diagnosed pharyngitis.

What can you do to improve this quality measure?

You play an essential role in developing and ensuring member trust by offering high-quality care. You can help us maintain a high level of quality care by:

1. Not prescribing antibiotics unless a bacterial infection is suspected.
2. Confirming a bacterial infection with Strep A testing if you do prescribe an antibiotic.
3. Discussing when the use of antibiotics is appropriate and when it is not.
4. Ensure documentation of all prescribed medications, performed tests, and visit dates.

CODING TIPS:

Submit claims and encounter data in a timely and accurate manner.

Remember, you will receive the highest scores when your claims are correctly documented.

SAMPLE DIAGNOSES:

Acute Pharyngitis

Acute Tonsillitis

Streptococcal Pharyngitis

Acute Streptococcal Tonsillitis

SAMPLE CPT® CODES:

Group A Strep Test: 87070-87071, 87081, 87430, 87650-87652, 87880