



Appropriate Testing for Pharyngitis (CWP)

Appropriate Testing for Pharyngitis (CWP) is one of the new quality measures for the 2021 BCBS Commercial program. **The goal of this measure is for patients ages 3 years and older to have a strep test done before receiving an antibiotic for a related pharyngitis diagnosis.** Compliance for this measure is based on if the strep test was performed, not the results. Documentation of the in-office strep test should be included on the claim form to prevent the gap.

Sample diagnoses may include:

- Acute pharyngitis
- Acute tonsillitis
- Streptococcal pharyngitis
- Acute streptococcal pharyngitis

Exclusions from this measure include:

- Patients in hospice
- Patients with the following comorbidities: HIV, malignant neoplasm, emphysema, COPD, and disorders of the immune system