

Measure ID ASNC 23

Measure Title SPECT-MPI study clinical utilization of Attenuation Correction image acquisition

Measure Description Percentage of Single Photon Emission Computed Tomography (SPECT) Myocardial

Perfusion Imaging (MPI) studies using Attenuation Correction.

Numerator Number of denominator eligible studies performed where an Attenuation Correction of

CT or Transmission was used or an Attenuation Correction of "Prone" was documented

for patients.

Denominator Number of SPECT-MPI studies performed.

Denominator Exclusions None

Denominator Exceptions None

High Priority

Outcome

Inverse Measure N

Rationale Attenuation correction can improve the diagnostic accuracy particularly in patients with

challenging body habitus (obese, large chested, dense breast tissue, breast prosthesis). When available, attenuation tools with CT, fluorescent radiation, or line source should be used. When these tools are not available to the laboratory, the simple measure of prone imaging (in addition to standard supine acquisition) can improve the specificity in

interpreting inferior wall defect by allowing to differentiate diaphragmatic attenuations

from inferior wall perfusion abnormality.