

<b>Measure ID</b>	ASNC 24
<b>Measure Title</b>	SPECT-MPI study utilization of exercise as a stressor
<b>Measure Description</b>	Percentage of Single Photon Emission Computed Tomography (SPECT) Myocardial Perfusion Imaging (MPI) studies using a Stress Test Type that includes exercise.
<b>Numerator</b>	Number of denominator eligible studies performed where the Stress Test Type was exercise.
<b>Denominator</b>	Number of SPECT-MPI studies performed.
<b>Denominator Exclusions</b>	Patients with Left Bundle Branch Block (LBBB), a pacemaker or who are unable to exercise.
<b>Denominator Exceptions</b>	None
<b>High Priority</b>	High Priority
<b>Outcome</b>	
<b>Inverse Measure</b>	N
<b>Rationale</b>	When a patient is able to exercise, exercise stress modality is usually preferred over pharmacologic stress with the exception of patients with LBBB or implantable electronic pacing device. Exercise provides valuable diagnostic and prognostic information that cannot be obtained from pharmacologic stress. Moreover, image quality and diagnostic accuracy is improved with exercise stress. Thus, patients who are able have no contraindication to exercise should undergo exercise stress when SPECT-MPI is performed.