Measure #167 (NQF 0114): Coronary Artery Bypass Graft (CABG): Postoperative Renal Failure
National Quality Strategy Domain: Effective Clinical Care

2015 PQRS OPTIONS FOR INDIVIDUAL MEASURES:
REGISTRY ONLY

DESCRIPTION:
Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older undergoing isolated CABG surgery (without pre-existing renal failure) who develop postoperative renal failure or require dialysis

INSTRUCTIONS:
This measure is to be reported each time an isolated CABG procedure is performed during the reporting period. It is anticipated that clinicians who provide services for isolated CABG will submit this measure. This measure is intended to reflect the quality of surgical services provided for isolated CABG or isolated reoperation CABG patients. Isolated CABG refers to CABG using arterial and/or venous grafts only.

Measure Reporting via Registry:
CPT codes and patient demographics are used to identify patients who are included in the measure’s denominator. The listed numerator options are used to report the numerator of the measure.

The quality-data codes listed do not need to be submitted for registry-based submissions; however, these codes may be submitted for those registries that utilize claims data. There are no allowable performance exclusions for this measure.

DENOMINATOR:
All patients undergoing isolated CABG surgery

Denominator Criteria (Eligible Cases):
All patients aged ≥ 18 years on date of encounter
AND
Patient encounter during the reporting period (CPT): 33510, 33511, 33512, 33513, 33514, 33516, 33517, 33518, 33519, 33521, 33522, 33523, 33533, 33534, 33535, 33536

OR

Patient encounter during the reporting period (CPT): 33510, 33511, 33512, 33513, 33514, 33516, 33517, 33518, 33519, 33521, 33522, 33523, 33533, 33534, 33535, 33536
AND
Patient encounter during the reporting period (CPT): 33530

WITHOUT
Documented history of renal failure or baseline serum creatinine ≥ 4.0 mg/dL; renal transplant recipients are not considered to have preoperative renal failure, unless, since transplantation the Cr has been or is 4.0 or higher

NUMERATOR:
Patients who develop postoperative renal failure or require dialysis; (Definition of renal failure/dialysis requirement - patient had acute renal failure or worsening renal function resulting in one of the following: 1) increase of serum
creatinine to \( \geq 4.0 \text{ mg/dL or 3x most recent preoperative creatinine level, or 2) a new requirement for dialysis postoperatively} \)

**Numerator Instructions:** A lower calculated performance rate for this measure indicates better clinical care or control.

**Numerator Options:**
- **Performance Met:** Developed postoperative renal failure or required dialysis (G8575) OR
- **Performance Not Met:** No postoperative renal failure/dialysis not required (G8576)

**RATIONALE:**
In 2000, coronary artery bypass graft (CABG) surgery was performed on more than 350,000 patients at a cost of close to $20 billion. Some degree of Acute Renal Dysfunction (ARD) occurs in about 8% of patients following CABG, and dialysis-dependent renal failure occurs in 0.7% to 3.5% of patients receiving CABG. The latter is associated with substantial increases in morbidity, length of stay, and mortality (odds ratios for mortality range from 15 to 27). ARD is associated with increased morbidity, mortality and length of stay in an ICU following surgery. In addition, Acute Renal Failure occurs in 1.5% of patients undergoing any type of cardiac surgery. There has been a substantial increase in postoperative morbidity, mortality, and cost associated with this relatively common complication, regardless of whether or not this incidence varies much between providers, and there are implications of even a modest decrease in its incidence.

**CLINICAL RECOMMENDATION STATEMENTS:**
Acute renal failure following CABG is an intermediate outcome measure for mortality since this complication is independently associated (OR=27) with early mortality following cardiac surgery, even after adjustment for co-morbidity and postoperative complications.