

POLARIS QCDR IN COLLABORATION WITH THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CLINICAL ONCOLOGY (ASCO) – 2021 MEASURE SPECIFICATIONS

QOPI26

Measure #	QOPI26
Measure Title	Sentinel Lymph Node (SLN) Biopsies for Patients AJCC T1b-T4 Melanoma
Measure Description	Percentage of patients, aged 18 and older, with a diagnosis of AJCC T1b-T4 cutaneous melanoma who received a SLN biopsy
Denominator Exclusion	<p>Patients diagnosed with stage T1a, TX, T0 or Tis melanoma; Clinical or radiologic evidence of distant metastatic disease or regional metastases, including lymph node involvement.</p> <p>Denominator Exclusion Guidance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evidence of lymph node involvement defined as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Documentation of palpable lymphadenopathy on clinical exam Evidence of abnormal lymph node on an imaging study (CT, PET-CT, MRI or ultrasound)
Denominator Exceptions	<p>Patient declined Documentation of Medical Reason: Comorbidities</p> <p>Denominator Exception Guidance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patient declined during a documented discussion regarding the potential benefits and risk of harms associated with the procedure.
Denominator	<p>Patients with clinical staging of AJCC T1b-T4 melanoma at diagnosis. Denominator Guidance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> T-stage at melanoma diagnosis = T1b, T2a, T2b, T3a, T3b, T4a or T4b
Numerator	<p>Patients who received an SLN biopsy within 60 days of the initial biopsy.</p> <p>Numerator Guidance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Date of the initial biopsy determined from pathology report. Initial biopsy is a preliminary excisional biopsy completed for patients with a suspicious pigmented lesion and used to categorize clinical staging. A SLN biopsy is a staging procedure to further stratify patients with clinical stage I-II melanoma (as identified by the initial excisional biopsy) based on the presence or absence of subclinical nodal metastases.
Numerator Exclusions	None
Number of Performance Rates to be calculated and submitted	1
Inverse Status	No
Proportional, CV, Ratio Status	Proportional
Risk Adjusted, if applicable	No
High Priority measure	No
Measure type	Process
Outcome measure	No
NQS Domain	Effective Clinical Care
NQF ID	N/A
Meaningful Measure Area	Appropriate use of Healthcare
Care Setting(s) to include Telehealth, if applicable	Outpatient Services