

**Name:** Ischemic (IVD): Use of Aspirin or Another Antiplatelet

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**Description:**

The percentage of patients 18-75 years of age who had a diagnosis of ischemic vascular disease (IVD) and are on daily aspirin or anti-platelets, unless allowed contraindications or exceptions are present.

- On daily aspirin or anti-platelets, unless allowed contraindications or exceptions are present

**Denominator:**

Eligible Population:

- **Eligible Specialties:** Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Geriatric Medicine, Cardiology
- **Eligible Providers:** Medical Doctor (MD), Doctor of Osteopathy (DO), Physician Assistant (PA), Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN)
- **Ages:** 18 years or older at the start of the measurement period AND less than 76 years at the end of the measurement period
- **Diagnosis:** Patient had a diagnosis of ischemic vascular disease (Ischemic Vascular Disease Value Set) with any contact during the current or prior measurement period OR had ischemic vascular disease (Ischemic Vascular Disease Value Set) present on an active problem list at any time during the measurement period.
- **Event:** At least one established patient office visit (Established Pt Diabetes & Vasc Value Set) performed or supervised by an eligible provider in an eligible specialty for any reason during the measurement period

**Numerator:**

The number of patients in the denominator who are on daily aspirin or anti-platelets unless exceptions or contraindications present

- On daily aspirin or anti-platelets, unless allowed contraindications or exceptions are present

**Denominator Exceptions:** None

**Numerator Exceptions:**

- Prescribed anti-coagulant medication during the measurement period
- History of gastrointestinal bleeding
- History of intracranial bleeding
- Bleeding disorder
- Other provider documented reason: allergy to aspirin or anti-platelets
- Other provider documented reason: use of non-steroidal anti-inflammatory agents
- Other provider documented reason: documented risk for drug interaction with a medication taken during the measurement period.
- Other provider documented reason: uncontrolled hypertension (systolic blood pressure greater than 180 mmHg and/or diastolic blood pressure greater than 110 mmHg)
- Other provider documented reason: gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD)

**Denominator Exclusions:**

Allowable Exclusions:

The following exclusions are allowed to be applied to the eligible population:

- Patient was a permanent nursing home resident at any time during the measurement period
- Patient was in hospice or receiving palliative care at any time during the measurement period
- Patient died prior to the end of the measurement period
- Documentation that diagnosis was coded in error
- Patient had only urgent care visits during the measurement period

**Risk Adjustment Variables:** NA

**Link to Value Sets:**

<http://mncm.org/cycle-a-dds-guides/>