

## Appropriate Treatment for Children With Upper Respiratory Infection

There continues to be national concern regarding the over-prescribing of antibiotics for conditions that do not respond well to this choice of treatment. This measure looks for avoidance of prescribing an antibiotic for viral illness such as an upper respiratory infection.

If you diagnose only a URI, do not treat with antibiotics.

### QARR Measures Compliance by:

- **Denominator criteria:** Diagnosed with URI only
- **Numerator criteria:** *Not* Prescribed an Antibiotic

### Codes to Identify URI

Description	ICD-9-CM diagnosis
Acute nasopharyngitis (common cold)	460
URI	465

**NB:** Make sure you record **all** pertinent diagnoses on the visit encounter form submitted to Affinity in order to avoid inclusion of children not meeting criteria. Only children without any additional diagnoses are eligible for this measure.

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