

Premium Specialty: Internal Medicine

Credentialed Specialties Include: Geriatric Medicine, Internal Medicine, Pediatric Internal Medicine

Patient Episode Cost

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We evaluate physicians in the Internal Medicine Premium specialty using the [patient episode cost](#) measurement with the attributed condition-based episodes listed in the following chart.

Attribution methods determine which physicians and groups are responsible for care given to patients. Condition-based episodes are attributed using the cost method: the physician who was responsible for generating the highest percentage of services, based on normalized cost, in the episode. To make sure there was significant involvement, the attributed physician must be responsible for at least 50% of the total normalized cost of the episode.

Please view the [Attribution Methods](#) document to learn more.

Condition-Based Episodes

Acne*

Acute Alcohol Intoxication

Acute Bronchitis

Acute Pancreatitis

Acute Renal Failure

Acute Renal Inflammation

Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome

Acute Sinusitis

Adult Rheumatoid Arthritis*

Agranulocytosis

AIDS*

Alcohol Dependence

Allergic Rhinitis

Alzheimer's Disease

Anxiety Disorder or Phobias

Arterial Inflammation

Asthma*

Atrial Fibrillation and Flutter*

Condition-Based Episodes

Attention Deficit Disorder*

Autism and Child Psychoses

Autoimmune Rheumatologic Diseases, except Lupus*

Bacterial Infection of Skin, Bilateral

Bacterial Infection of Skin, Single Side

Bacterial Lung Infections

Bowel Obstruction

Brain Trauma

Bursitis and Tendinitis - Elbow and Upper Arm, Bilateral

Bursitis and Tendinitis - Elbow and Upper Arm, Single Side

Bursitis and Tendinitis - Foot and Ankle, Bilateral

Bursitis and Tendinitis - Foot and Ankle, Single Side

Bursitis and Tendinitis - Hand, Wrist and Forearm, Bilateral

Bursitis and Tendinitis - Hand, Wrist and Forearm, Single Side

Bursitis and Tendinitis - Knee and Lower Leg, Bilateral

Bursitis and Tendinitis - Knee and Lower Leg, Single Side

Bursitis and Tendinitis - Shoulder

Bursitis and Tendinitis - Thigh, Hip and Pelvis

Bursitis and Tendinitis - Unspecified

Cardiac Infection

Cardiomyopathy

Cardiovascular Diseases Signs and Symptoms

Carpal Tunnel Syndrome

Celiac Disease

Cerebral Vascular Disease

Cholelithiasis

Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease*

Chronic Pancreatitis

Chronic Renal Failure

Condition-Based Episodes

Chronic Sinusitis

Chronic Skin Ulcers

Cirrhosis*

Complex Regional Pain Syndrome

Conditional Exam

Conditions Associated with Menstruation

Congenital and Acquired Anomalies of Ear/Nose/Throat

Congenital Disorders of Central Nervous System

Congenital Disorders of Peripheral Nerves*

Congestive Heart Failure

Conjunctivitis, Bilateral

Conjunctivitis, Single Side

Contact Dermatitis, Bilateral

Contact Dermatitis, Single Side

Contraceptive Management

Dehydration

Dementia

Dermatological Signs and Symptoms

Development Disorder

Diabetes*

Diverticulitis and Diverticulosis

Eating Disorder

Embolism and Thrombosis of Veins*

Endocrine Disease Signs and Symptoms*

Endometriosis

Environmental Trauma

Epilepsy*

External Eye Infection, except Conjunctivitis, Bilateral

External Eye Infection, except Conjunctivitis, Single Side

Condition-Based Episodes

Female Sex Gland Disorders

Fungal Skin Infection

Gastritis and/or Duodenitis

Gastroenterology Diseases Signs and Symptoms

Gout*

Gynecological Signs and Symptoms

Hearing Disorders, Bilateral

Hearing Disorders, Single Side

Heart Failure, Diastolic

Hemorrhoids

Hepatology Diseases Signs and Symptoms

Hereditary and Degenerative Diseases of Central Nervous System, Other

Hernias, except Hiatal, Bilateral

Hernias, except Hiatal, Single Side

Hiatal Hernia

HIV Sero-Positive without AIDS*

Hyper-Functioning Adrenal Gland*

Hyper-Functioning Parathyroid Gland

Hyper-Functioning Thyroid Gland

Hyperlipidemia, Other*

Hypertension

Hypo-Functioning Adrenal Gland

Hypo-Functioning Parathyroid Gland*

Hypo-Functioning Thyroid Gland*

Immunodeficiencies*

Infection of Cervix

Infection of Lower Genitourinary System, Not Sexually Transmitted

Infection of Ovary and/or Fallopian Tubes

Infection of Stomach and Esophagus

Condition-Based Episodes

Infection of Upper Genitourinary System

Infection of Vagina, except Monilia

Infections of Oral Cavity

Infectious Diseases Signs and Symptoms

Infectious Hepatitis*

Inflammation of Central Nervous System, Other

Inflammation of Cranial Nerves

Inflammation of Esophagus

Inflammation of Genitourinary System, except Kidney Stones

Inflammation of Non-Cranial Nerves, except Carpal Tunnel

Inflammation of Oral Cavity

Inflammation of Rectum or Anus

Inflammatory Bowel Disease*

Inflammatory Condition of Female Genital Tract, except Endometriosis

Inflammatory Eye Disease*

Iron Deficiency Anemia

Irritable Bowel Syndrome*

Ischemic Heart Disease

Joint Degeneration, Localized - Back, Bilateral

Joint Degeneration, Localized - Back, Single Side

Joint Degeneration, Localized - Elbow and Upper Arm

Joint Degeneration, Localized - Foot and Ankle, Bilateral

Joint Degeneration, Localized - Foot and Ankle, Single Side

Joint Degeneration, Localized - Hand, Wrist and Forearm

Joint Degeneration, Localized - Knee and Lower Leg, Bilateral

Joint Degeneration, Localized - Knee and Lower Leg, Single Side

Joint Degeneration, Localized - Neck

Joint Degeneration, Localized - Shoulder

Joint Degeneration, Localized - Thigh, Hip and Pelvis

Condition-Based Episodes

Joint Degeneration, Localized - Unspecified*

Joint Derangement - Knee and Lower Leg

Kidney Stones

Low Back Pain Syndrome

Lupus*

Major Joint Inflammation - Back

Major Joint Inflammation - Hand, Wrist and Forearm

Major Joint Inflammation - Knee and Lower Leg

Major Joint Inflammation - Other

Major Joint Inflammation - Unspecified*

Male Sex Gland Disorders*

Malignant Neoplasm of Breast

Malignant Neoplasm of Central Nervous System

Malignant Neoplasm of Cervix

Malignant Neoplasm of Ear/Nose/Throat

Malignant Neoplasm of Genitourinary System, except Prostate

Malignant Neoplasm of Large Intestine

Malignant Neoplasm of Ovaries

Malignant Neoplasm of Prostate

Malignant Neoplasm of Pulmonary System

Malignant Neoplasm of Rectum or Anus

Malignant Neoplasm of Skin, Major

Malignant Neoplasm of Thyroid Gland

Malignant Neoplasm of Uterus

Migraine Headache*

Minor Infectious Pulmonary Diseases, Other than Acute Bronchitis

Minor Orthopedic Trauma - Back

Minor Orthopedic Trauma - Elbow and Upper Arm

Minor Orthopedic Trauma - Foot and Ankle, Bilateral

Condition-Based Episodes

Minor Orthopedic Trauma - Foot and Ankle, Single Side

Minor Orthopedic Trauma - Hand, Wrist and Forearm, Bilateral

Minor Orthopedic Trauma - Hand, Wrist and Forearm, Single Side

Minor Orthopedic Trauma - Knee and Lower Leg

Minor Orthopedic Trauma - Neck

Minor Orthopedic Trauma - Shoulder

Minor Orthopedic Trauma - Thigh, Hip and Pelvis, Bilateral

Minor Orthopedic Trauma - Thigh, Hip and Pelvis, Single Side

Minor Orthopedic Trauma - Trunk

Minor Orthopedic Trauma - Unspecified

Monilial Infection of Vagina (Yeast)

Mood Disorder, Bipolar*

Mood Disorder, Depressed*

Multiple Sclerosis*

Nephrology Diseases Signs and Symptoms

Neurological Diseases Signs and Symptoms

Non-Cerebral, Non-Coronary Atherosclerosis, Bilateral

Non-Cerebral, Non-Coronary Atherosclerosis, Single Side

Non-Infectious Hepatitis

Non-Malignant Neoplasm of Adrenal Gland

Non-Malignant Neoplasm of Breast

Non-Malignant Neoplasm of Ear/Nose/Throat

Non-Malignant Neoplasm of Female Genital Tract

Non-Malignant Neoplasm of Genitourinary System, except Prostate, Bilateral

Non-Malignant Neoplasm of Genitourinary System, except Prostate, Single Side

Non-Malignant Neoplasm of Intestines and Abdomen

Non-Malignant Neoplasm of Pituitary Gland*

Non-Malignant Neoplasm of Prostate

Non-Malignant Neoplasm of Rectum or Anus

Condition-Based Episodes

Non-Malignant Neoplasm of Skin

Non-Malignant Neoplasm of Skin, with Surgery, Bilateral

Non-Malignant Neoplasm of Skin, with Surgery, Single Side

Non-Malignant Neoplasm of Thyroid Gland

Non-Toxic Goiter

Nutritional Deficiency

Obesity

Obstructive Sleep Apnea

Occupational and Environmental Pulmonary Diseases

Opioid or Barbiturate Dependence*

Orthopedic Signs and Symptoms - Back

Orthopedic Signs and Symptoms - Elbow and Upper Arm

Orthopedic Signs and Symptoms - Foot and Ankle

Orthopedic Signs and Symptoms - Hand, Wrist and Forearm

Orthopedic Signs and Symptoms - Knee and Lower Leg

Orthopedic Signs and Symptoms - Neck

Orthopedic Signs and Symptoms - Shoulder

Orthopedic Signs and Symptoms - Thigh, Hip and Pelvis

Orthopedic Signs and Symptoms - Unspecified

Osteoporosis*

Other and Unspecified Diseases and Disorders of Eye and Adnexa

Other Conduction Disorders

Other Diseases and Disorders of Rectum and Anus

Other Diseases of Female Genital Tract

Other Diseases of Hepatobiliary System

Other Diseases of Thyroid Gland

Other Diseases of Veins

Other Disorders of Breast

Other Drug Dependence

Condition-Based Episodes

Other Infections of Ear/Nose/Throat

Other Infectious Diseases

Other Inflammation of Intestines and Abdomen

Other Inflammation of Skin*

Other Inflammatory Conditions of Ear/Nose/Throat

Other Inflammatory Lung Diseases*

Other Metabolic Disorders*

Other Minor Orthopedic Disorders - Back

Other Minor Orthopedic Disorders - Elbow and Upper Arm

Other Minor Orthopedic Disorders - Foot and Ankle

Other Minor Orthopedic Disorders - Hand, Wrist and Forearm

Other Minor Orthopedic Disorders - Knee and Lower Leg

Other Minor Orthopedic Disorders - Neck

Other Minor Orthopedic Disorders - Shoulder

Other Minor Orthopedic Disorders - Thigh, Hip and Pelvis

Other Minor Orthopedic Disorders - Unspecified

Other Skin Disorders

Other Sleep Disorders*

Otitis Media, Bilateral

Otitis Media, Single Side

Otolaryngology Diseases Signs and Symptoms

Parasitic Skin Infection*

Parkinson's Disease*

Phlebitis and Thrombophlebitis of Veins*

Psoriasis*

Psychosexual Disorder

Pulmonary Embolism*

Pulmonary Heart Disease*

Pulmonary Tuberculosis*

Condition-Based Episodes

Pulmonology Diseases Signs and Symptoms

Routine Exam

Septicemia

Sexually Transmitted Diseases, Disseminated

Sexually Transmitted Diseases, Primary

Skin Trauma, except Burn and Open Wound - Elbow and Upper Arm

Skin Trauma, except Burn and Open Wound - Foot and Ankle, Bilateral

Skin Trauma, except Burn and Open Wound - Foot and Ankle, Single Side

Skin Trauma, except Burn and Open Wound - Hand and Forearm, Bilateral

Skin Trauma, except Burn and Open Wound - Hand and Forearm, Single Side

Skin Trauma, except Burn and Open Wound - Head and Face

Skin Trauma, except Burn and Open Wound - Hip and Thigh

Skin Trauma, except Burn and Open Wound - Lower Leg

Skin Trauma, except Burn and Open Wound - Other

Skin Trauma, except Burn and Open Wound - Shoulder

Skin Trauma, except Burn and Open Wound - Trunk, Bilateral

Skin Trauma, except Burn and Open Wound - Trunk, Single Side

Skin Trauma, except Burn and Open Wound - Unspecified

Thrombocytopenia*

Tonsillitis, Adenoiditis or Pharyngitis

Trauma of Eye, Bilateral

Trauma of Eye, Single Side

Ulcer

Urinary Incontinence*

Urological Diseases Signs and Symptoms

Valvular Disorder

Varicose Veins of Lower Extremity, Bilateral

Varicose Veins of Lower Extremity, Single Side

Viral Pneumonia

Condition-Based Episodes

Viral Skin Infection

Visual Disturbances, Bilateral

Visual Disturbances, Single Side

*Episodes for these conditions are excluded from patient episode cost measurement for patients whose pharmacy cost data isn't available.

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