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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Indicator
Indicator type:	Indicator
Short name:	Indicator 5a-Local arrangements to ensure that patients with knee osteoarthritis are prescribed or recommended medications to manage symptoms in accordance with the current Therapeutic guidelines: Rheumatology
METEOR identifier:	644306
Registration status:	Health, Standard 02/08/2017
Description:	Documented evidence of local arrangements to ensure that prescription or recommendation of medicines to patients with knee **osteoarthritis** to manage their symptoms is in accordance with the current version of the *Therapeutic guidelines: Rheumatology* (Rheumatology Expert Group 2017) or concordant local guidelines.
Rationale:	Clinical guidelines assist in the selection of pharmacological interventions for osteoarthritis that relieve pain and reduce inflammation (thus improving functioning and quality of life), while minimising the risk of side effects (RACGP 2009).
Indicator set:	Clinical care standard indicators: osteoarthritis of the knee Health, Standard 02/08/2017

Collection and usage attributes

Population group age from:	45 years
Computation description:	The local arrangements should specify that patients with knee osteoarthritis are prescribed/recommended medicines to manage symptoms in accordance with the current *Therapeutic guidelines: Rheumatology* or concordant local guidelines. For self-administered medicines, the local guideline should ensure that information is provided to the patient about how, when and how long to take the medicines, as well as potential benefits and harms of treatment.
Computation:	Healthcare settings where care is provided to patients with knee osteoarthritis that have documented evidence of local arrangements, such as a policy that specifies that patients with knee osteoarthritis are prescribed/recommended medicines to manage symptoms in accordance with the current *Therapeutic guidelines: Rheumatology* or concordant local guidelines, should record 'Yes'. Otherwise, the healthcare setting should record 'No'.

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Count
Data type:	Real
Unit of measure:	Service event
Format:	Yes/No

Accountability attributes

Other issues caveats: Applicable setting: primary and specialist care (including hospital-based specialist care).

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care

Reference documents: RACGP (Royal Australian College of General Practitioners) 2009. Guideline for the non-surgical management of hip and knee osteoarthritis. South Melbourne: RACGP. Viewed 29 March 2016, http://www.racgp.org.au/your-practice/guidelines/musculoskeletal/hipandkneeosteoarthritis/.

Rheumatology Expert Group 2017. Therapeutic guidelines: Rheumatology. Version 3. Melbourne: Therapeutic Guidelines Limited.