

Use of Medical Imaging	Average for all reporting hospitals in the U.S.	Average for all reporting hospitals in Iowa	MERCY MEDICAL CENTER-DES MOINES	Data Collected	
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Outpatients with low back pain who had an MRI without trying recommended treatments first, such as physical therapy. (If a number is high, it may mean the facility is doing too many unnecessary MRIs for low back pain.)	32.7%	30.2%	36.5%	1/1/2008	12/31/2008
Outpatients who had a follow-up mammogram or ultrasound within 45 days after a screening mammogram. (A number that is much lower than 8% may mean there's not enough follow-up. A number much higher than 14% may mean there's too much unnecessary follow-up.)	8.4%	8.1%	6.5%	1/1/2008	12/31/2008
Outpatient CT scans of the chest that were "combination" (double) scans. (The range for this measure is 0 to 1. A number very close to 1 may mean that too many patients are being given a double scan when a single scan is all they need.)	0.054	0.060	0.021	1/1/2008	12/31/2008
Outpatient CT scans of the abdomen that were "combination" (double) scans. (The range for this measure is 0 to 1. A number very close to 1 may mean that too many patients are being given a double scan when a single scan is all they need.)	0.191	0.163	0.017	1/1/2008	12/31/2008