

FACT SHEET

Summary of SCIP Measure Changes for 10/1/08+ Discharges

All Measures:

- For the exclusion data element *Clinical Trial*, notes were added that the patient must be **enrolled** in the trial during this hospital stay. There must be a signed consent in the medical record and the trial must be studying patients with the same condition as the measure set being abstracted.

VTE-1 and VTE-2:

- Patients whose surgeries lasted ≤ 60 minutes or whose hospital stays were ≤ 3 calendar days will be excluded from SCIP-VTE-1 and 2. The algorithms were revised to reflect this. With this change, the data element *Discharge Time* is no longer necessary and was removed from the data dictionary.

Data Element and Table Changes

Data Element or Table	New	Clarification	Change
Beta-Blocker Perioperative		✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Documentation of a time associated with the last dose of the beta-blocker is necessary to verify that it was taken within the perioperative time frame. If the patient arrives on the day of surgery and there is documentation that the beta-blocker was taken on that same day prior to admission, the abstractor can select "Yes."
Beta-Blocker During Pregnancy	✓		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The data element <i>Sex</i> will be used in the algorithm to exclude male patients.
Contraindication to VTE Prophylaxis		✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physician documentation of a bleeding risk associated with surgery, such as the normal risk described in the operative permit, will not be considered a contraindication to pharmacological prophylaxis.
Discharge Time	✓		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Because cases with a hospital stay ≤ 3 days are excluded from the VTE measures, the data element <i>Discharge Time</i> is no longer necessary.
Other Surgeries		✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implanted or pocketed cardiac devices that are performed without general anesthesia will be abstracted as "Yes" for <i>Other Surgeries</i> because the antibiotic prophylaxis given for these procedures could interfere with the prophylaxis for the principal procedure.

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Preoperative Hair Removal	✓		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Documentation that does not reflect actual hair removal, such as surgeon documentation in the operative report that the patient was “shaved and prepped,” should not be considered when answering this data element. Hair removal that is documented as performed with scissors will be collected with Value 3 – Clippers. Exclusions were added for non-surgical site hair removal and hair removal performed during the patient’s daily hygiene routine.
Surgery End Time	✓		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The inclusion terms are now prioritized as 1st, 2nd and 3rd. The data sources are no longer prioritized. Priority order applies to items in the inclusion table, not to source document. Also, the synonyms in the lists are alphabetized, not prioritized. The Notes for Abstraction were modified to be consistent with the instructions for <i>Surgical Incision Time</i>.
Surgical Incision Time	✓		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The priority lists were changed to more accurately reflect the wording commonly found in operating room documentation. Priority order applies to items in the inclusion table, not to source document. Also, the synonyms in the lists are alphabetized, not prioritized. The Notes for Abstraction were modified to be consistent with the instructions for <i>Surgery End Time</i>.
Vancomycin	✓		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allowable Value 2 was revised to include MRSA colonization or infection. Allowable Values 1, 3, 4, 7 and 9 can be documented by persons other than physician/APN/PA or pharmacist. Allowable Values 2, 5, 6, 8 and 10 must still be physician/APN/PA or pharmacist documentation.
Table 1.3 Beta-Blockers	✓		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 medications were added to the table of beta-blockers.
Table 2.1 Antimicrobial Medications	✓		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Doripenem was added to the antibiotic table.

For a complete list of changes please see the “Release Notes,” located in the Specifications Manual for National Hospital Quality Measures for discharges 10/1/2008. The manual can be found at <http://www.qualitynet.org/dcs/ContentServer?cid=1192804535739&pagename=QnetPublic%2FPage%2FQnetTier3&c=Page>

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