

Specifications Manual for National Hospital Inpatient Quality Measures

Release Notes 3.1a

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Guidelines for Using Release Notes

Release Notes 3.1a provide modifications to the *Specifications Manual for National Hospital Inpatient Quality Measures*. The Release Notes are provided as a reference tool and are not intended to be used to program abstraction tools. Please refer to the *Specifications Manual for National Hospital Inpatient Quality Measures* for the complete and current technical specifications and abstraction information.

The notes are organized to follow the order of the Table of Contents. Within each topic section, a row represents a change beginning with general changes followed by data elements in alphabetical order. The implementation date is 04-01-2010 unless otherwise specified. The column headings are described below:

- **Section** - used to identify which section(s) listed in the Table of Contents contain the change listed. The sections are Data Dictionary, Measurement Information, Missing and Invalid Data, etc.
- **Impacts** - used to identify which portion(s) of the Manual Section is impacted by the change listed. Examples are Alphabetical Data Dictionary, (Topic) Data Element List, Measure Information Form (MIF) and Flowchart (Algorithm). The measures that the data element is collected for are identified.
- **Rationale** - provided for the change being made.
- **Description of Changes** - used to identify the section within the document where the change occurs, e.g., Definition, Data Collection Question, Allowable Values, and Denominator Statement - Data Elements.
NOTE: Additions and Deletions are listed and additions are **blue highlighted** in the corresponding document. Exceptions: The additions and changes to the Algorithms are not yellow highlighted, and the Hospital Initial Patient Population and Clinical Data XML File Layouts are **blue highlighted** in the cells that have a change in them and the actual changes are **bolded**.
- **Page-** the beginning page number is from the 3.1 version of the manual

Data elements that cross multiple measures and contain the same changes will be consolidated into one row. If those changes do not apply to all of the measures listed in the Impacts column that is identified in the description of changes.

This document should allow the reader to identify the exact location of each change by reading from left to right across the columns. An **example** is: Changing a note for abstraction within *Initial Blood Culture Collection Time*, which is collected for PN-3a, PN-3b.

Example:

Section	Impacts	Rationale	Description of Changes	Page
Data Dictionary	Data Element Pages Measures: PN-3a PN-3b	Abstraction clarification	<u>Notes for Abstraction</u> Add: If multiple times of collection are documented with acceptable terms, abstract the earliest (initial) time.	1-191

Hyperlinks have been added for the following sections to assist with navigating the Release Notes:

- [Data Dictionary](#)
- [Venous Thromboembolism \(VTE\) – Measurement Information](#)
- [Stroke \(STK\) – Measurement Information](#)

Section	Impacts	Rationale	Description of Changes	Page
Data Dictionary				
<i>Intentional Hypothermia</i>				
Data Dictionary	Alphabetical Data Dictionary Measures: SCIP-Inf-10	Documentation that the surgical patient is undergoing cardiopulmonary bypass should be considered as documentation of intentional hypothermia.	<u>Notes for Abstraction</u> Add a bullet <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If there is physician/APN/PA/CRNA documentation of the patient undergoing cardiopulmonary bypass for the procedure, select “Yes.” <u>Suggested Data Sources</u> Add <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Perfusion record <u>Guidelines for Abstraction, Inclusion list</u> Add <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cardiopulmonary bypass 	1-251
<i>Temperature</i>				
Data Dictionary	Alphabetical Data Dictionary Measures: SCIP-Inf-10	Additional acceptable warming modalities have been added to the measure.	<u>Notes for Abstraction</u> Change first bullet to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Active warming is limited to forced-air warming, conductive, over-the-body active warming, or warm water garments. If conductive warming blankets are used, there must be documentation that the resistive heating blanket was placed over the patient. If there is no documentation that the blanket was placed over the patient, do not select value “1”. Move the remaining 3 sentences from the 1 st bullet to a new additional 2 nd bullet. Change 4 th bullet to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If the recorded temperature was not within the specified range but active warming with the specified modalities was used intraoperatively, select “1”. 	1-412

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			<p>Remove the word “not” in the 7th bullet.</p> <p><u>Guidelines for Abstraction, Inclusion list:</u> Change heading from “Patient Warming Devices” to “Patient Warming Modalities.” Change inclusion bullets to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forced air warming • Warm water garments • Conductive, over-the-body active warming (such as resistive heating, over-the-patient blanket) <p><u>Guidelines for Abstraction, Exclusion list:</u> Change heading from “Patient Warming Devices” to “Patient Warming Modalities.”</p> <p>Change exclusion bullets to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Airway heaters or humidifiers • Blood and fluid warmers • Body cavity lavage • Passive heating systems (space blankets or caps) • Radiant heat sources • Under-body warming • Blankets heated in a blanket warmer 	
<i>VTE Prophylaxis</i>				
Data Dictionary	Alphabetical Data Dictionary Measures: SCIP-VTE-1 SCIP-VTE-2 STK-1 VTE-1	Reduce false inclusions.	<p><u>Notes for Abstraction VTE and STK:</u> Add the following bullet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No value should be selected more than once. If a value of “A” is selected, no other selections should be recorded. <p><u>Notes for Abstraction STK:</u> Add the following sub-bullet under the 2nd bullet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If a patient was admitted on 12/8/20XX and had bilateral IPC applied at 13:00 on 12/8/20XX and LMWH was administered at 22:00 on 12/8/20XX select “2” and “3”. 	1-431

Section	Impacts	Rationale	Description of Changes	Page
			<p>Change the following to a sub-bullet under the 2nd bullet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If a patient was admitted on 12/8/20XX and had bilateral GCS applied at 13:00 on 12/8/20XX and LMWH was administered at 22:00 on 12/8/20XX, select only value “2”. <p>Change the following 3rd bullet to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If GCS was the only prophylaxis administered the day of and/or the day after hospital admission, select “4”. If value “4” is selected, no other selections should be recorded. <p>Change the following sub-bullets under the 4th bullet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If bilateral GCS are administered at 1300 on 12/8/20XX and LMWH at 0200 on 12/9/20XX, select “2”. If bilateral GCS are administered on the day of admission and IPC is administered the day after admission, select “3”. 	
<i>VTE Prophylaxis Date</i>				
Data Dictionary	Alphabetical Data Dictionary Measures: SCIP-VTE-1 SCIP-VTE-2 STK-1 VTE-1	Reduce false inclusions	<p><u>Notes for Abstraction:</u></p> <p>Change the 3rd bullet to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If VTE prophylaxis was administered the day of and the day after hospital admission, select the date that the initial VTE prophylaxis was administered. Example: If the patient was admitted on 12/8/20XX and bilateral GCS was applied at 13:00 on 12/8/20XX and LMWH was administered at 02:00 on 12/9/20XX, use the 12/8/20XX date with one exception. Note: For stroke cases, use the date of the other form of prophylaxis as the initial date of VTE prophylaxis when GCS was applied the day of hospital admission and another form the day after hospital admission. 	1-434
Venous Thromboembolism (VTE) – Measure Information				
Measure Information	VTE List	Allow all sub-populations (No-VTE	<p><u>Algorithm</u></p> <p>Change the text in the Process Box right below Start box</p>	VTE-1-4 VTE-2-4

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	Measures: All VTE Measures	sub-population, Principal sub-population and Other VTE Only sub-populations) through each measure flow.	from “Run cases that are included...” to “Run cases that are included in the VTE Initial Patient Population and pass the edits defined in the Data Processing Flow through this measure.”	VTE-3-4 VTE-4-4 VTE-5-4 VTE-6-4
Stroke (STK) – Measure Information				
Measurement Information	STK List Measures: STK-1	Reduce false inclusions	<u>Algorithm</u> Change the text flowing to the right of the VTE Prophylaxis decision point from “Any = 4 or A” to “= A or 4”. Change the text flowing down from the VTE Prophylaxis decision point from “Any = 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8 and None =A” to “=1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8”.	STK-1-5