

# Specification Manual for National Hospital Quality Measures

Release Notes 2.2b

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## Guidelines for Using Release Notes

Release Notes 2.2b provide modifications to the *Specifications Manual for National Hospital Quality Measures*.

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 column headings are described below:

- **Manual Section** - this is used to identify which section(s) listed in the Table of Contents contain the change listed. The sections are Data Dictionary, Measure Information, Missing and Invalid Data, Sampling Methods, etc.
  - **Impacts** - this is used to identify which portion(s) of the Manual Section is impacted by the change listed. Examples are Alphabetical Data Element List, Data Element Pages, (Topic) Data Element List, Measure Information Form (MIF) and Flowchart (Algorithm). The measures that the data element is collected for are identified.
  - **Description of Changes** - this is used to identify the section within the document where the change occurs, e.g., Definition, Data Collection Question, Allowable Value, and Denominator Data Elements.
  - **Page**- the beginning page number is from the 2.2a version of the manual
  - **Implementation Date**- Date when change is to be implemented
- 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 *Antibiotic Allergy*, which is collected for SCIP-Inf-2, PN-6, PN-6a, PN-6b.

### Example

Surgical Care Improvement Project			
<i>Antibiotic Allergy</i>			
Manual Section	Impacts	Description of Changes	Page
Data Dictionary	Data Element Pages  Measures: SCIP-Inf-2 PN-6 PN-6a PN-6b	<u>Notes for Abstraction</u> <b>Change</b> to read: If the patient was noted to be allergic to "cillins," "penicillin," or "all cillins," Select "Yes."	1-42

Manual Section	Impacts	Description of Changes	Page	Implementation Date
<b>Data Dictionary – General Data Elements</b>				
<i>Payment Source</i>				
Data Dictionary	Data Element Pages	<u>Notes for Abstraction</u> <b>Add</b> bullet: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If Medicare is the patient’s primary payment source, but the HIC# is not documented within the medical record, select “Medicare Other.”</li> </ul>	1-230	04-01-2007 Discharges
<b>Surgical Care Improvement Project</b>				
<b>Surgical Care Improvement Project - additional Measurement Information changes</b>				
Measure Information	SCIP Flowchart (Algorithm)	<b>Change</b> the measure category assignment in the offpage Measure Category outcome box connected to the right of the decision point <i>Laparoscope</i> from “D” to “B.”	SCIP-Card-2-4	04-01-2007 Discharges

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	SCIP-Card-2	This was an inadvertent error and has been corrected in this version.		
<b>Appendices</b>				
Appendix C	Medication Tables  Measures: PN-3b PN-5 PN-5a PN-5b PN-5c PN-6 PN-6a PN-6b SCIP-Inf-1 SCIP-Inf-2 SCIP-Inf-3	<u>Table 2.1 Antimicrobial Medications</u> <b>Change</b> the dashes in the following medications: Ampicillin-Probenecid Ampicillin-Sulbactam Imipenem-Cilastatin Piperacillin-Tazobactam Imipenem-Cilastatin Ticarcillin-Clavulanate Ampicillin-Sulbactam Piperacillin-Tazobactam  <b>To</b> forward slashes: Ampicillin/Probenecid Ampicillin/Sulbactam Imipenem/Cilastatin Piperacillin/Tazobactam Imipenem/Cilastatin Ticarcillin/Clavulanate Ampicillin/Sulbactam Piperacillin/Tazobactam	Appendix C-10	04-01-2007 Discharges
Appendix C	Medication Tables  Measures: PN-6 PN-6a PN-6b	<u>Table 2.2 Immunosuppressive Medications</u> <b>Change</b> the dashes in the following medications: Abacavir-Lamivudine Emtricitabine-Tenofovir  <b>To</b> forward slashes: Abacavir/Lamivudine Emtricitabine/Tenofovir  <u>Table 2.3 Beta Lactams</u> <b>Change</b> the dash in Ampicillin-Sulbactam  <b>To</b> a forward slash Ampicillin/Sulbactam  <u>Table 2.4 Beta-Lactams (Pseudomonal Risk)</u> <b>Change</b> the dashes in the following medications: Imipenem-Cilastatin Piperacillin-Tazobactam  <b>To</b> forward slashes: Imipenem/Cilastatin Piperacillin/Tazobactam	Appendix C-18   Appendix C-31  Appendix C-31	04-01-2007 Discharges
Appendix C	Medication Tables  Measures: PN-6 PN-6a	<u>Table 4.0 Antibiotic Allergy</u> <b>Change</b> the dashes in the following medications: Ampicillin-Sulbactam Imipenem-Cilastatin Piperacillin-Tazobactam Ticarcillin-Clavulanate	Appendix C-44	04-01-2007 Discharges

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	PN-6b SCIP-Inf-2	<b>To</b> forward slashes: Ampicillin/Sulbactam Imipenem/Cilastatin Piperacillin/Tazobactam Ticarcillin/Clavulanate		