

Specification Manual for National Hospital Quality Measures

Release Notes 2.4b

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Guidelines for Using Release Notes

Release Notes 2.4b provide modifications to the *Specifications Manual for National Hospital 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 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 04-01-2008 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, Population and Sampling Specifications, etc.
- **Impacts** - used to identify which portion(s) of the Manual Section is impacted by the change listed. Examples are Alphabetical Data Dictionary, 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 are **blue highlighted** in the corresponding document.

- **Page**- the beginning page number is from the 2.4a 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.

Section	Impacts	Rationale	Description of Changes	Page
Appendices				
Appendix C	Table 2.1 Antimicrobial Medications	To ensure correct spelling of all medications listed in Appendix C.	Change spelling to Cefonicid in the Generic Name Crosswalk column. Change “f” to “F” in Neo-Fradin. Change spelling to Ampicillin/Probenecid in the Generic Name Crosswalk column.	Appendix C-11
Appendix C	Table 2.15 Systemic Corticosteroid Medications	To ensure correct spelling of all medications listed in Appendix C. To ensure that all medications that are listed in the Generic Name	Change the incorrect spelling of Tiamcinolone Diacetate in the Generic Name Crosswalk column to read: Triamcinolone Diacetate each place it occurs. Add Dexamethasone Sodium Phosphate with Lidocaine HCl, Hydrocortisone (Cortisol), Hydrocortisone Retention Enema and Prednisolone Sodium Phosphate to the trade & generic name column.	Appendix C-39

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		Crosswalk column are also listed in the trade & generic name column.	Change spelling to Triamcinolone Diacetate in the trade & generic name column Remove Hydrocortisone retention enema.	
Appendix C	Table 3.11 All Surgeries – Urinary Antiseptics	To ensure that all medications that are listed in the Generic Name Crosswalk column are also listed in the trade & generic name column.	Add Methenamine to the trade & generic name column	Appendix C-46
Appendix C	Table 6.1 Controller Medications	To ensure that all medications that are listed in the Generic Name Crosswalk column are also listed in the trade & generic name column To ensure correct spelling of all medications listed in Appendix C.	Add Albuterol Sulfate to the trade & generic name column Add Budesonide and Formoterol, Mometasone to the trade & generic name column. Remove the “,” from Salmeterol, Xinafoate in the Generic Name Crosswalk column	Appendix C-51