

Specifications Manual for National Hospital Inpatient Quality Measures

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Guidelines for Using Release Notes

Release Notes 3.0a 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 10-01-2009 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 blue 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 3.0 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

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

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Surgical Care Improvement Project (SCIP) – Data Dictionary				
<i>Anesthesia Type</i>				
Data Dictionary	Alphabetical Data Dictionary	Clarification of instructions for the data element: Anesthesia Type	<p><u>Format</u> Change: Occurs from “1 – 2” to “1”</p> <p><u>Allowable Values</u> Remove: “Select all that apply” from above the allowable values.</p> <p>Change: Allowable Value 3 to: “There is documentation that the procedure was performed using both general and neuraxial anesthesia.”</p> <p>Add: Allowable Value 4: “There is no documentation that the procedure was performed using either general or neuraxial anesthesia or unable to determine from the medical record.”</p> <p><u>Notes for Abstraction</u> Change the second bullet to: “If an attempt to use neuraxial anesthesia was unsuccessful and general anesthesia was used, select “3” because both methods were documented.</p> <p>Remove the 3rd bullet</p>	1-35
<i>Perioperative Death</i>				
Data Dictionary	Alphabetical Data Dictionary	Correction: for the Data Element: Perioperative Death, SCIP- VTE-1 and SCIP-VTE-2 should be added to the list of collected for.	<p><u>Collected For:</u> Add: SCIP-VTE-1, SCIP-VTE-2</p>	1-311
<i>Temperature</i>				
Data Dictionary	Alphabetical Data Dictionary	Correction: Typo-“ None” should not be in the Exclusion list. To clarify that warm water garments/devices should be	<p><u>Guidelines for Abstraction-Exclusion</u> Remove: from the exclusion column, the word “None”.</p> <p><u>Guidelines for Abstraction-Inclusion</u> Remove: Warm water garments/devices from the Inclusion list under the</p>	1-427

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		an inclusion for Patient warming devices not an inclusion for Temperature.	heading Temperature. Add: Warm water garments/devices to the Inclusion list under the heading Patient warming devices.	
<i>VTE Timely</i>				
Data Dictionary	Alphabetical Data Dictionary	Correction: Allowable Value 2 should not say Surgical Incision Time is no longer used for <i>VTE Timely</i> . It has been changed to Anesthesia Start Time.	<u>Allowable Values</u> Change: the words, “ <i>Surgical Incision Time</i> ” to “ <i>Anesthesia Start Time</i> ” in Allowable Value N.	1-454
Surgical Care Improvement Project (SCIP) – Measure Information				
Measure Information	Measurement Information Form (MIF) Measures: SCIP-VTE-1 SCIP-VTE-2	Correction: The SCIP Data Element List for the Data element: <i>Perioperative Death</i> , Collected For: should include: SCIP-Inf-10, SCIP-VTE-1 and SCIP-VTE-2.	<u>SCIP Data Element List</u> Add: SCIP-VTE-1, SCIP-VTE-2 to the Collected for List	SCIP-4
Measure Information	Measurement Information Form (MIF) Flowchart (Algorithm) Measures: SCIP-Inf-10	Clarification of instructions for the data element: <i>Anesthesia Type</i>	<u>Algorithm</u> Change the allowable value in the arrow flowing to the right of the decision point <i>Anesthesia Type</i> from “3” to “4”. Change the allowable value in the arrow flowing down from decision point <i>Anesthesia Type</i> from “1, 2” to “1, 2, 3”.	SCIP-Inf 10-5
	Measurement Information Form (MIF) Flowchart (Algorithm) Measures: SCIP-VTE-1 SCIP-VTE-2	Clarification of instructions for the data element: <i>Anesthesia Type</i>	<u>Algorithm</u> Change the allowable value in the arrow flowing to the right of the decision point <i>Anesthesia Type</i> from “1, 3” to “1, 4”. Change the allowable value in the arrow flowing down from decision point <i>Anesthesia Type</i> from “2” to “2, 3”.	SCIP-VTE 1-9 SCIP-VTE 1-10 SCIP-VTE 1-11 SCIP-VTE 2-9 SCIP-VTE 2-10 SCIP-VTE 2-11
Stroke (STK) – Measure Information				
Measure Information	Measurement Information Form (MIF)	Correction: for the Data Element “ <i>Education Addresses Need</i>	<u>Numerator Statement - Data Elements</u> Change: the name, “ <i>Education Addresses Need for Follow-up After Discharge</i> ” to “ <i>Education Addresses Follow-up After Discharge</i> ”	STK-8-2

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	Measures: STK-8	<i>for Follow-up After Discharge</i> ” to be consistent with the data element list		
Measure Information	Measurement Information Form (MIF) Measures: STK-8	Correction: of the Algorithm decision point <i>“Education Addresses Need for Follow-up After Discharge”</i> to be consistent with the data element list	<u>Algorithm</u> Change: the name, <i>“Education Addresses Need for Follow-up After Discharge”</i> to <i>“Education Addresses Follow-up After Discharge”</i>	STK-8-5
Measure Information	Measurement Information Form (MIF) Measures: STK-8	Correction: of the Numerator Statement to be consistent with the data element names	<u>Numerator Statement</u> Change: “2. Need for follow-up after discharge” to “2. Follow-up after discharge” Change: “5. Warning signs for stroke” to “5. Warning signs and symptoms of stroke” <u>Algorithm – Numerator Statement</u> Change: “2.” Need for follow-up after discharge” to “2.” Follow-up after discharge” Change: “5.” Warning signs for stroke” to “5.” Warning signs and symptoms of stroke”	STK-8-1 STK-8-4
Hospital Clinical Data XML File Layout				
<i>Anesthesia Type</i>				
Data Transmission	Hospital Clinical Data XML File Layout	To be consistent with changes made to the data element.	<u>Hospital Clinical Data – Detail Elements Information</u> Change Occurs from “1 – 2” to “1” Change Allowable Value 3 from “There is no documentation that the procedure was performed using either general or neuraxial anesthesia or unable to determine from medical record documentation.” to “There is documentation that the procedure was performed using both neuraxial and general anesthesia.” Add Value “4” to Answer Code and “There is no documentation that the procedure was performed using either general or neuraxial anesthesia or unable to determine from medical record documentation.” Remove from Programming Notes “If value ‘3’ is submitted, no other	11

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			value should be submitted.”	
<i>Perioperative Death</i>				
Data Transmission	Hospital Clinical Data XML File Layout	To be consistent with changes made to the data element.	<u>Hospital Clinical Data – Detail Elements Information</u> Add to Applicable Measure(s) “SCIP-VTE-1” and “SCIP-VTE-2”	28
<i>Vancomycin</i>				
Data Transmission	Hospital Clinical Data XML File Layout	To allow all values to be displayed.	<u>Hospital Clinical Data – Detail Elements Information</u> Answer Code and Answer Value for Value ‘5’ were re-formatted to allow them to display appropriately.	34
Appendices				
Appendix A	Table 5.16 Urological/Perineal	Correction: Shortened description needs to be added for code 59.91 to the PDF and Excel document.	Add to Shortened Description column for Code 59.91: PERIREN/VESICLE EXCISION	72