

# Pioneers in Quality™ The Joint Commission eCQM Data Submission

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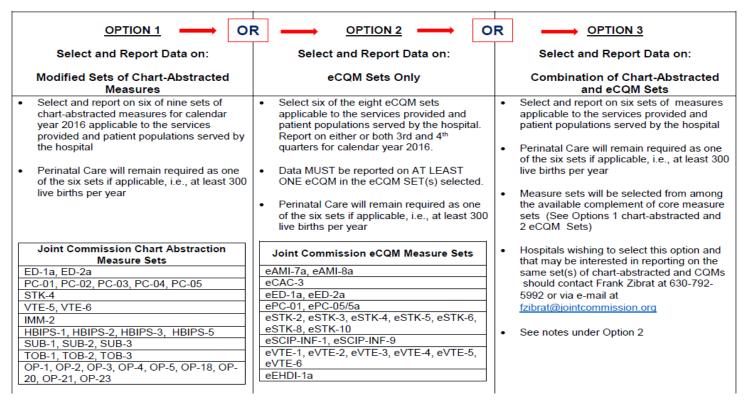




### 2016 ORYX Requirements

- Measures are selected by Hospitals
- eCQM system is open for trial data submission

2016 Flexible ORYX Performance Measure Reporting Options







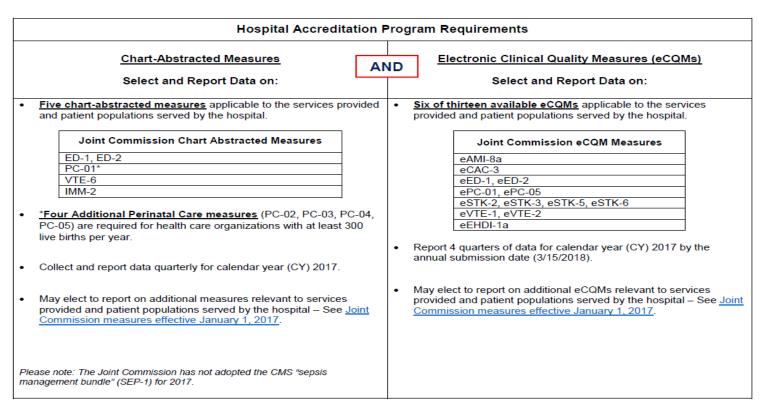




### 2017 ORYX Requirements

 Detailed instructions will be sent to accredited hospitals in Late Nov/Early Dec

2017 ORYX Performance Measure Reporting Requirements











#### eCQM Data Submission

Discharged data	Submission Period	Deadline
3Q-4Q 2016	Oct 2016 to Mar 2017	Mar 15, 2017
1Q-2Q-3Q-4Q 2017	Oct 2017 to Mar 2018	Mar 15, 2018









#### eCQM Data Submission

- eCQM data submission is Quarterly:
  - Data in one patient file is from one calendar quarter
  - The eCQM files can be submitted in any order at any time during the submission period
- The upload site stays open during submission period
- Chart-based measure submission is also quarterly; however, the submission period is only 1 month to submit one quarter of the data









### eCQM Data Expectations

- The HCO selects their eCQMs
- Vendor completes the following:
  - Signs a contract with The Joint Commission and the hospital
  - Submits the data through secure Joint Commission Performance Measurement System Extranet Track (PET)
  - Uses tools on portal to verify the data
- HCO and Vendor work to meet expectations of data quality, integrity and accuracy requirements of submitted data
  - Schema errors, Rejection, Mismatches









### eCQM Data Expectations

- Vendor's eCQM data submission tools:
  - OMS (ORYX Measure Selection) Application
  - ePop OWL (ORYX Worklist) Report
  - eHCD OWL (ORYX Worklist) Report
  - ePop (eMeasure Population) Application
  - eHCD (eMeasure Hospital Clinical data) Application

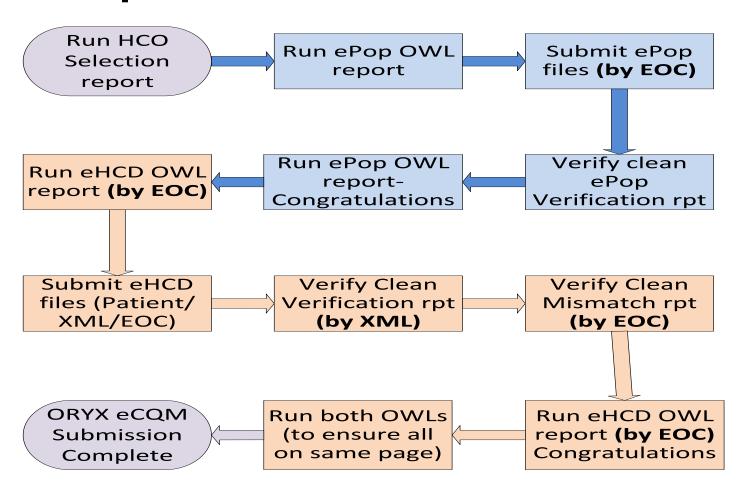








### ORYX Submission Expectation Overview – Flowchart



\* EOC: Episode Of Care









### eCQM Applications

Key Applications for eCQM Data Submission:

- ePop Application
- eHCD Application









### ePop Application

- ePop application is The Joint Commission tool to collect hospitals' eCQM population size
- eCQM Population size is required by The Joint Commission
- Sampling is not allowed for eCQMs
- QRDA-III files are not accepted by The Joint Commission or CMS to report Hospital population size
- CMS collects population size using data entry on their website







### ePop Important Notes

- Hospital has the option to opt out of reporting Patient cases
  - If Denominator size is five or fewer for the entire quarter
  - The sum of all EOCs in 3 months in the quarter)
  - The vendor would set a flag in ePop file to submit to The Joint Commission
- Hospital must inform the vendor to use this option, otherwise clinical data must be submitted









### ePop Measure Selection Error

- All the errors in the ePop verification report must be cleared by the vendor
- Data Submitted for a measure that has not been selected by HCO is identified
  - Vendor needs to contact HCO to update their OMS selection, if necessary
  - After OMS selection is updated, data starts processing
  - If there are no OMS selection changes, data is purged (i.e. data not needed for submission)









### ePop Successful File Submission

- Reports available to Vendor to validate successful file submission:
  - ePop Verification report shows data was submitted with no errors and verifies all the measures with the correct number of data is submitted.
  - Successful ePop submission for all HCOs and measures is also denoted on ePop OWL report









### eHCD: electronic Hospital Clinical Data

- The Joint Commission accepts QRDA-I files
- eHCD is The Joint Commission application that accepts eCQM clinical data (via QRDA-I file format)
- CMS conformed QRDA-I file is the base for the Joint Commission conformed file with minor changes
  - EHR vendors may provide CMS conformed QRDA-I files to the HCO
  - ORYX® vendors edit the QRDA-I file to meet Joint Commission conformance requirements









### eHCD Requirement-IG

- The requirements for eHCD submission are provided in The Joint Commission Implementation Guide (IG), and Integrity Edit documents and enforced by The Joint Commission Schematron
- The Joint Commission QRDA Implementation Guide is an extension of the CMS Guide
- The IG only provides extra guidance when new data/elements are needed or when The Joint Commission's guidance is different than CMS's
- Anything not mentioned, is expected as CMS requires it in their documentation







### eHCD Requirement-IG

- Few of the most important required changes for The Joint Commission QRDA-I as given in The Joint Commission IG are:
  - Removing the PHI related to Personal information,
  - Reporting HCO-ID in addition to or instead of CMS CCN
  - Replacing CMS Patient-Id with The Joint Commission Vendor Tracking ID
- eHCD also executes extra integrity checks.
  - Rejecting Discharge dates outside the Reporting period
  - Enforcing the rule to use Time Zone consistently
  - Enforcing the right order of start and end time in any event









### eHCD Requirement-IG

 IG Provides the list of the elements that are considered PII (Personally Identifiable Information) must be removed, and their exact location from the file, i.e.

Patient Name (CONF: TJC-1001 ~ CONF: TJC-1004)
ClinicalDocument/recordTarget/patientRole/patient/name
ClinicalDocument/recordTarget/patientRole/patient/name/given
ClinicalDocument/recordTarget/patientRole/patient/name/family
ClinicalDocument/recordTarget/patientRole/patient/name/prefix
ClinicalDocument/recordTarget/patientRole/telecom @value







### eHCD Vendor-Tracking-ID

- Since patient ID is not acceptable to The Joint Commission system at this time, vendors must create a fictitious ID that can be mapped back to the patient by the vendor
- Vendor-Tracking-ID must be maintained and linked to the same patient across measures and quarters to use the same tracking-ID as long as that vendor is submitting data on behalf of the HCO.







### eHCD Schematron

- The Joint Commission Schematron is the tool built upon the CMS Schematron to check The Joint Commission file structure and data such as:
  - Personally identifiable information (PII) removed
  - Patient ID replaced with Vendor Tracking ID
  - HCO-ID added to the QRDA-I
  - Valid formats for elements and values









### eHCD Value Set Requirements

- Reporting Value set is required whenever reporting a clinical code
- The data submitter must map the codes from EHR system to the codes required by the value sets used in eCQM definitions.
- Different measures use different value sets
- Integrity edits created in this regard ensure correct reporting of the encounters and value sets









### eHCD EOC Requirements

- File transmission:
  - One QRDA-I file/One patient/One reporting period (quarter)

i.e. all **E**pisodes **O**f **C**are (EOC) and all measures/topics the patient belongs to and their applicable data in one quarter for one patient must be reported in one QRDA-I xml file









### eHCD EOC Requirements

- Each reported Episode of Care (Inpatient Encounter)
  must
  - Contain one and only one Primary Diagnosis code
  - Contain no more than one Primary Procedure code
  - Report one encounter code (discharge code)
  - Report one pair of start/end date-time (admit and discharge date)
  - The same EOC information must be used across all measures reported for that encounter
- Each EOC is used individually as the base time when processing a measure
- The rest of the data is processed temporally against that EOC in the measurement period.







### eHCD Reporting Measure Results

- IG also provides guidance on reporting measure outcome
- It ensures both organizations are aligned in processing the case and calculation of the outcomes
- The Joint Commission Mismatch report provides the incorrect reported outcomes
- Reporting outcome is optional but if not reported, mismatch report shows a mismatch of The Joint Commission's outcome to an empty outcome that could be ignored









### eHCD File Processing

- The tools or reports available to vendors during file processing:
  - Schematron tool and report
  - Verification report: reports integrity errors
  - Mismatch Report: reports outcome mismatches
  - Rule Engine tool and report: reports
     processing detail and results of the measures
     against the patient file









### eHCD Measure Calculations

- The Joint Commission will calculate a measure's outcome for a patient/file if:
  - Measure outcome is submitted in the QRDA measure section

#### OR

Hospital has selected the measure in ORYX
 Measure Selection (OMS) tool AND patient data
 satisfies the Initial Patient Population (IPP) of that
 measure.









# eHCD The Joint Commission QRDA-I Examples

File with two EOCs: EOC 1 reporting eSTK-2 and eSTK-8; EOC 2 reporting eVTE-1:



eSTK2eSTK8-EOC1\_eVTE1-EOC2.xml

File with one EOC: reporting eED-2:



eED2 Result.xml









## eHCD Delete & Style Sheet tools

- The Joint Commission also provides vendors with the following tools:
  - Delete tool: allows the vendor to delete QRDA-I cases that have been submitted erroneously but should have not
  - Stylesheet tool: allows the user to open The Joint Commission QRDA-I XML files in Internet Explorer to see the data in human readable fashion to find the problematic data easier









# eHCD Style Sheet Example

Description	Encounter ID	Start Time	Stop Time	Code	Code Description	ValueSetOID	ValueSetDescription	CodeSystemOID	Attributes
Encounter Performed	2a620155-9d11-439e-92b3- 5d9815ff4de8-ed	2016-03-22 09:00	2016-03-22 10:00	4525004	Emergency department patient visit (procedure)	2.16.840.1.113883.3.117.1.7.1.292		2.16.840.1.113883.6.96	
Encounter Performed	2a620155-9d11-439e-92b3- 5d9815ff4de8	2016-03-22 10:40	2016-07-20 12:40	32485007	Hospital admission (procedure)	2.16.840.1.113883.3.117.1.7.1.424		2.16.840.1.113883.6.96	Discharge Status code: 306689006 codeSystem: 2.16.840.1.113883.6.96
Encounter Performed	3a620155-9d11-439e-92b3- 5d9815ff4de8-ed	2016-08-09 10:00	2016-08-09 10:30	1111111	Emergency department patient visit (procedure)	2.16.840.1.113883.3.117.1.7.1.292a		2.16.840.1.113883.6.96	
Encounter Performed	3a620155-9d11-439e-92b3- 5d9815ff4de8	2016-08-09 12:00	2016-08-20 12:00	183452005	(procedure)	2.16.840.1.113883.3.666.5.307		2.16.840.1.113883.6.96	
Encounter Performed	3a620155-9d11-439e-92b3- 5d9815ff4de8-icu	2016-08-10 09:00	2016-08-10 12:00	1111111	Admission to cardiac intensive care unit (procedure)	2.16.840.1.113883.3.117.1.7.1.292a		2.16.840.1.113883.6.96	

#### Observation

Description	Start Time	Stop Time	Code	CodeDescription	ValueSetOID	ValueSetDescription	CodeSystemOID	Attribute	Negation Rationale Code	Negation Rationale CodeSystem	Negation Rationale ValueSet	Not Done Start Time	Not Done Stop Time
Risk Category Assessment	2016- 08-10 09:00	2016- 08-10 12:00	1111111	Risk for venous thromboembolism	2.16.840.1.113883.3.117.1.7.1.292a		2.16.840.1.113883.6.1	Result code: 62482003 codeSystem: 2.16.840.1.113883.6.96 valueSet:2.16.840.1.113883.3.117.1.7.1.400					
Laboratory Test Performed	2016- 08-10 09:00	2016- 08-10 12:00		INR in Platelet poor plasma by Coagulation assay	2.16.840.1.113883.3.117.1.7.1.292a		17 IN X4II I 113XX3 N II	Result value: 3.0					

#### Diagnosis

Description	Start Time	Stop Time	Code	CodeDescription	ValueSetOID	CodeSystemOID	Attribute	
Diagnosis Active	2016-07-16 12:41	2016-07-16 12:41	195213000	Cerebellar stroke syndrome (disorder)	2.16.840.1.113883.3.117.1.7.1.247	2.16.840.1.113883.6.96	Ordinality code: 63161005 codeSytem: 2.16.840.1.113883.6.96	
Diagnosis Active	2016-08-09 12:25	2016-08-20 12:00	I21.01	ST elevation (STEMI) myocardial infarction involving left main coronary artery	2.16.840.1.113883.3.666.5.3011	2.16.840.1.113883.6.90	Ordinality code: 63161005 codeSytem: 2.16.840.1.113883.6.96	
Diagnosis Inactive	2016-08-10 12:25	2016-08-20 12:01	1111111	Unspecified atrial flutter	2.16.840.1.113883.3.117.1.7.1.292a	2.16.840.1.113883.6.90		
Diagnosis Active	2016-08-10 09:00	2016-08-10 12:00	1111111	Occlusion and stenosis of cerebellar arteries	2.16.840.1.113883.3.117.1.7.1.292a	2.16.840.1.113883.6.90		









Important TJC and CMS Differences						
Subject	CMS	TJC				
PII	Required	Rejected				
Receiving organization Id	Required CMS OID	Required TJC OID				
Hospital ID	CCN	HCO-ID				
Reporting Measure Results	No	Yes				
Patient identifier	Patient-id	Vendor-Tracking-id				
Encounter validation performed	Yes	Yes				
At least one valid measure and one encounter required	Yes	Yes				









Important TJC and CMS Differences Extra Integrity Checks							
Subject	CMS	TJC					
Time zone consistency enforced	No	Yes					
Encounters outside the reporting period rejected	No	Yes					
One Principal DX/PX in Inpatient encounter enforced	No	Yes					
Consistent reporting of Encounters used in different measures are enforced (use the same code/date-time/encounter-id)	No	Yes					









- eED measures in eCQM 2016 Observation values are incorrect
  - Impacting 2016 discharge data
  - Effects the ED measure values (not comparable to prior years)
  - There is no proper way to address the eED eCQM 2016 issue without affecting other measures using ED visit, leaving it as incorrect
  - The Joint Commission acknowledges the issue and expects the ED Observation values to be skewed









- eCQM 2015 eED issue: inconsistencies between In Measure Population logic and Observation value calculation:
  - The Joint Commission will not calculate observation value when case is not in measure population
  - If a case satisfies the In Measure Population logic but the observation value is not able to be calculated due to missing data, The Joint Commission will take the case out of the ED in Measure Population









- Vendor/submitter must map codes used in EHR system to correct codes in value sets used in each eCQM for correct processing
- Vendor/submitter must ensure to report
   One Encounter code/EOC
   One Primary Diagnosis codes/EOC
   One Primary Procedure Codes/EOC







- Mapping is required to convert different code types (Visit code/type, Admission code, or Discharge code) from hospital areas/screens to one valid Inpatient Encounter code (EOC)
- Inpatient Encounter code requires also mapping to ensure one code satisfies all reported measures' need, should it represent two (or more) different value sets







- All the mappings are usually done before submission to CMS (by EHR vendor or submitting vendor)
- Oryx vendors are responsible to make sure the mapping satisfies the Joint Commission Requirements as there are differences (Refer to The Joint Commission and CMS Difference Slide)







- PC-05 (Exclusive Breast Milk Feeding):
  - Missing Birth time resulted in all the cases being excluded

- Using Time zone inconsistently resulted in wrong calculations
  - The Joint Commission requires consistent use of time zones in one file for 2016 data









- Examples of when reporting time zone is necessary:
  - Patient transferred during the same episode to a site with different time zone and both sites belong to the same HCO-ID
  - The patient receives telemedicine consultation and the documentation is entered using the clinician's time zone instead of the patient's time zone

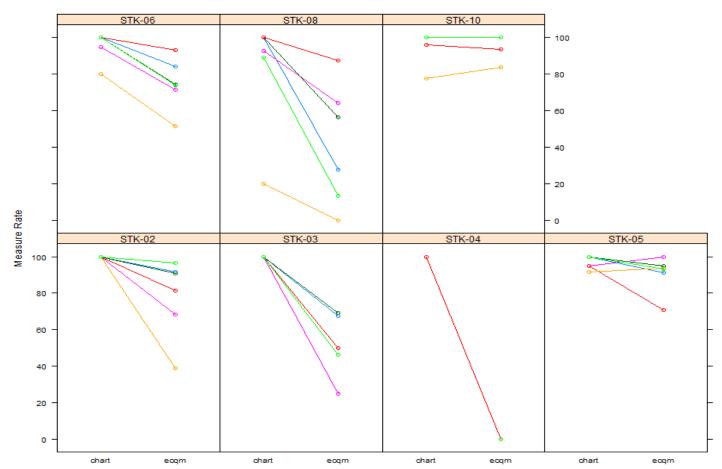






### Investigating Discrepancies of 2015 eCQM data versus Chart for Stroke Measures

Comparison of Chart and eCQM 3Q2015 Data











- Issues due to differences in eCQM definition and chart-base, Example
- eSTK-2 (Discharged on Antithrombotic Therapy) codes in Discharge value set are slightly different from chart-based, resulting more cases to be excluded from eCQM

 Solutions: New version of eCQM addressed this issue by adding more granular codes to value sets, based on Hospitals or vendors providing feedback.







- Issues due to QRDA flexibility:
- QRDA provides multiple valid locations to represent the same data or offers flexibility of the order of reporting
  - Examples:
    - Different Reason Templates
    - Different Date/Time fields available in same template
    - Multiple instances of a data can be entered in any order
- Solutions: The Joint Commission published document with exact address of expected data elements (XPath)







- Issue due to Vendor reporting errors: Simple mistakes on creation of the QRDA file:
  - Procedure Performed was submitted instead of Procedure Ordered
  - IV Route was not submitted as required, since medication name indicated IV Route

 Solution: The Joint Commission monitors the data more closely and more frequently before closing the transmission period to inform vendors







- Studying the results in-house by hospital might show the same performance rate using chart-base or eCQM data, however the calculated outcomes by The Joint Commission might be different
- Data submission adds many levels of complexity:
  - Data mapping
  - Reporting it by QRDA format
  - Processing by receiving organizations
- Each level, introduces new possible errors; therefore, false discrepancies







## eCQM Data Security Assurance

Security Applied					
$\sqrt{}$	Secured File Submission Site				
$\checkmark$	Secured Archived physical XML files				
$\checkmark$	Secured Data Saved in Database				
$\checkmark$	Staff HIPAA Trained Annually				
$\checkmark$	Role-Based Data Access Only				
$\checkmark$	Internal and External Audits of the systems				
$\checkmark$	Data behind firewall				
$\checkmark$	Encryption of Data				









### eHCD & ePop Production Support

- To post a question or report an issue visit WIKI site <a href="https://manual.jointcommission.org/">https://manual.jointcommission.org/</a>
- Login, and click on <u>Ask a new question</u>
- Select Category:
   eHCD eMeasure Algorithm Technical
- Write up your question
  - You can attach a file to a question, if a real patient data
    has triggered the issue or raised the question, we strongly
    suggest you do not attach the real patient file. Instead
    either create a test file that shows the issue or change all
    the dates in the real case, by advancing a fixed number to
    all dates and change the HCO-ID to a mock number







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