

Prepublication Requirements

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Revisions to PI.01.01.01, EP 4

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Please note: Where applicable, this report shows current standards and EPs first, with deleted language struck-through. Then, the revised requirement follows in bold text, with new language underlined.

APPLICABLE TO THE HOSPITAL ACCREDITATION PROGRAM

Effective Immediately

Performance Improvement (PI) Chapter

PI.01.01.01

The hospital collects data to monitor its performance.

Element(s) of Performance for PI.01.01.01

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| 4. | The hospital collects data on the following: All significant discrepancies between preoperative and postoperative diagnoses, including pathologic diagnoses. | <input type="checkbox"/> D |
| 4. | <p>The hospital collects data on the following: <u>Surgeries in which the postoperative diagnosis (clinical or pathological) was unexpected and could indicate that a clinically significant diagnostic error occurred.</u></p> <p><u>Note: The hospital's medical staff determine which unexpected postoperative diagnoses are clinically significant. Examples may include, but are not limited to, the following:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>- A preoperative pathology or cytology report was interpreted as a malignancy, but no malignancy was found in the surgical specimen.</u> <u>- A patient underwent surgery for acute appendicitis, but the appendix was normal on the postsurgical pathology exam.</u> <u>- An operation was performed because of a presumed malignancy based on a radiology report, but no malignancy was found.</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> D |

Key: **D** indicates that documentation is required;

R indicates an identified risk area;