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FEASIBILITY TEST SITE FOR ELECTRONIC CLINICAL QUALITY MEASURES (eCQMs)

As a volunteer evaluation site, you are asked to provide important feedback on the utility, feasibility, data collection processes and data specifications for the following draft measures:

1. Usage of Neuraxial Anesthesia
2. Postoperative Mobilization on Day of Surgery
3. Discharged to Home
4. Preoperative Functional/Health Status Assessment

The one and a half day visit will be conducted by 2 Joint Commission staff affiliated with the THKR project. A tentative agenda is attached and features:

1. A general meeting with relevant staff to assess face validity and feasibility of the draft measures, data elements, and data collection. This meeting typically includes interested physicians (i.e., orthopedic surgeon, anesthesiologist), Joint Program Coordinator, perioperative staff, postsurgical ortho RN, preadmission staff, physical therapy, social work, quality management, IT, nursing, administration, and other related disciplines.

2. A series of “break-out” sessions with unit-specific staff, during which your staff will demonstrate, on the EHR system, documentation processes and practices related to the management of the THKR patient. Specific units identified for review are:
   a. Preadmitting
   b. Operating Room
   c. PACU
   d. Orthopedic Unit

3. A meeting with IT staff members such as application analysts supporting applications for OR, Anesthesia and Nursing. Staff will walk through the electronic fields supporting documentation of processes relating to the management of the THKR patient.

4. Observation of workflow related to THKR patient processing using “tracer” methodology, including preadmission data collection, anesthesia administration, recovery room discharge, admission to the Orthopedic Unit, postoperative mobilization of the patient and the discharge process.

A meeting room with a computer with access to your electronic health record (live or test environment) will be needed for demonstration purposes. It would be beneficial to view THKR patients from the recent past. It will be helpful to have two staff members available to navigate through the EHR and/or to act as a guide/facilitator during the tracer methodology session.

The time frame for the visit is August through November, 2016. If you would like to be considered as a test site for the THKR eCQMs, please email mparenzan@jointcommission.org.

The Joint Commission thanks you for your interest in this important project. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Marilyn Parenzan (mparenzan@jointcommission.org).