Performance measurement

Update to performance measures for Advanced Certification in Spine Surgery program

Data collection for four new standardized performance measures of the Advanced Certification in Spine Surgery (ACSS) program began on July 1. Spine surgery programs were asked to submit their aggregate data for the new measures in the Certification Measure Information Process (CMIP).

As of Aug. 3, 2021, CMIP was updated to allow data to be entered separately on the four standardized measures for cervical procedures and the four standardized measures for lumbar procedures. Organizations should now report their data in this manner, which matches how standardized performance measure data is reported out to organizations in the American Spine Registry (ASR).

The standardized performance measures for cervical procedures are:
- ACSS-01: Surgical site infection rates
- ACSS-02: New neurological deficits
- ACSS-03: Unplanned return visit to the OR
- ACSS-04: Preoperative and postoperative patient reported outcomes (PROs)

The standardized performance measures for lumbar procedures are:
- ACSS-05: Surgical site infection rates
- ACSS-06: New neurological deficits
- ACSS-07: Unplanned return visit to the OR
- ACSS-08: Preoperative and postoperative patient reported outcomes (PROs)

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Update to performance measure for Advanced Certification for THKR program

Data collection for a new postoperative functional/health status assessment standardized performance measure for the Advanced Certification for Total Hip and Total Knee Replacement program, THKR-5, is required as of July 1, 2021.

Programs are asked to submit their data for the new THKR-5 measure in the Certification Measure Information Process (CMIP). As of Aug. 2, CMIP was updated to allow data to be entered on the measure for inpatient hips and inpatient knees separately, along with outpatient hips and outpatient knees separately. This change matches how data is currently collected for the other THKR measures.

Questions regarding the measures may be sent via the Performance Measurement Network Q&A Forum at https://manual.jointcommission.org.

Quality and safety

Take 5 podcast: Hear BrightStar Care’s CEO on lessons learned from pandemic

A new episode of the Take 5 podcast features a conversation with Shelly Sun, CEO and Founder of BrightStar Care, a private duty home care and medical staffing franchise with more than 340 locally owned and operated locations nationwide.
In the episode, Sun discusses lessons learned from the pandemic and offers her vision of how BrightStar Care will move forward. The episode also recognizes that BrightStar Care was awarded The Joint Commission’s 2021 Enterprise Champion for Quality Award.

Listen to the podcast. [13:56]

**Resources**

**Up in the blogosphere with The Joint Commission**

**Improvement Insights — CDC, Joint Commission Engage in VTE Prevention Research:** The Joint Commission will be implementing a questionnaire on behalf of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to evaluate current hospital-associated venous thromboembolism (HA VTE) prevention practices in the United States. The information collected in this hospital survey will be used to inform interventions to reduce the burden of HA-VTE, writes Scott C. Woller, MD, Chair of Medicine, Intermountain Medical Center, Intermountain Healthcare, and Professor of Medicine, University of Utah School of Medicine.

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