

NATIONAL
PNEUMONIA
Medicare Quality Improvement Project

FACT SHEET

Summary of Pneumonia Measure Changes for 10/1/10+ Discharges

- All PN Measures
 - Change the Minimum Required Sample Size in the Quarterly Sample Size Table to align with the IPPS Finale Rule.
- PN DATA ELEMENT LIST- Changed data element name *Transfer From Another ED* to *Transfer From Another Hospital or ASC* since *Point of Origin for Admission or Visit* has been removed to reduce the number of changes and potential addendums related to changes by the NUBC.
 - PN-3b was removed from the “Collected For” for Transfer From Another Hospital or ASC to allow patients transferred in from another hospital to be included in the measure.
- Pneumonia Antibiotic Consensus Recommendations Table for ICU Patient Antibiotic Recommendations
 - Allow ICU patients to receive recommended anti-pseudomonal/ anti-pneumococcal antibiotics without documentation of pseudomonal risk for patients sick enough from pneumonia to be admitted to the ICU.
- Appendix A- Changed short name in Table 3.2 from Meth Res Staph Aur Set to MRSA SEPTICEMIA
- Appendix C- Table 2.15 Systemic Corticosteroid Medications added H.P Acther Gel (brand name) for Repository Corticotropin Injection (generic name)

Summary of Pneumonia Measure Changes

The information below consists of new changes in abstraction and changes provided for clarification only.

Data Element: **Antibiotic Name**
Antibiotic Administration Date, Time and Route,
Antibiotic Received

Change: **Clarification**

- These data elements were revised for clarity and simplification of abstraction. These data elements should each be reviewed in their entirety.

Data Element: Comfort Measures Only**Change: Clarification**

- Allow “brain dead” to count as an Inclusion (acceptable variation of Inclusion "brain death").
- Clarify how to abstract cases where there is both a “negative” comfort measures only notation and a non-negative comfort measures only notation.

Data Element: Compromise**Change: Clarification**

- To clarify the conditions that will be accepted as a compromising condition.
- To move the exclusions to Notes for Abstraction. Clarification for abstraction.

Data Element: Diagnostic Uncertainty**Change: Clarification**

- Updated the Inclusion and Exclusion lists; Removed duplicate information
- Clarified value 3 refers to the data element Pneumonia Diagnosis: ED/Direct Admit

Data Element: ICU Admission or Transfer**Change: Clarification**

- Updated the Inclusion and Exclusion lists; Removed duplicate information
- Clarified that an admit order is not enough to select yes for this data element
- Definition of step down unit and intermediate care unit added

Data Element: Influenza Vaccination Status**Change: Clarification**

- Added ‘For Information Only’ for the Prev Imm Measures. The Prev Imm Measures are added to the For Information Only section of the Specifications Manual to allow abstractors and facilities to preview possible future measures.
- Definition for ‘caregiver added
- Clarifies that this measure only pertains to the seasonal vaccine and that a pandemic vaccine would be exclusion.

Data Element: Pneumococcal Vaccination Status**Change: Clarification**

- The Prev Imm Measures are added to the For Information Only section of the Specifications Manual to allow abstractors and facilities to preview possible future measures.
- Definition for 'caregiver' added
- For allowable value 4 defines documentation of receiving chemotherapy or radiation treatment to during hospitalization or less than 2 weeks prior to hospitalization

Data Element: Pneumonia Diagnosis: ED/Direct Admit**Change: Clarification**

- Moved inclusions and exclusion terms to the Notes for Abstraction
- Consistency in terminology changes

Data Element: Pseudomonas Risk**Change: Clarification**

- Moved information in the Inclusion/Exclusions lists to the Notes for Abstraction
- This data element was revised for clarity and simplification of abstraction

Data Element: Risk Factors for Drug-Resistant Pneumococcus**Change: Clarification**

- Moved information in the Inclusion/Exclusions lists to the Notes for Abstraction
- Added some terms to the inclusion list for clarification

Data Element: Transfer from Another ED**Change: Clarification**

- Changed Transfer From Another ED to Transfer From Another Hospital or ASC
- The data element Definition, Suggested Data Collection Question, Allowable Values and Notes for Abstraction have been revised to reduce the number of changes and potential addendums related to changes by the NUBC. Please review the instructions for changes.

For a complete list of changes please see the “Release Notes,” located in the Specifications Manual for National Hospital Quality Measures for discharges 10/1/2010. The manual can be found at:

<http://www.qualitynet.org/dcs/ContentServer?cid=1192804535739&pagename=QnetPublic%2FPage%2FQnetTier3&c=Page>

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