

NATIONAL
PNEUMONIA
 Medicare Quality Improvement Project

FACT SHEET

Summary of PN Changes for 10/1/08+ Discharges

All PN Measures: No major changes.

Data Element or Table	New	Clarification	Change
Adult Smoking History		✓	Clarification of two Only Acceptable Sources: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nursing Admission Assessment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Content typical of a Nursing Admission Assessment form: med/surg/social history, current meds, allergies, physical assessment - Form completed/reviewed by a nurse OR labeled as a “nursing” form • H&P <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use only the H&P report for the current admission - Can be dictated H&P report or handwritten H&P report - Not acceptable: Sub-section within progress note or consultation note
Adult Smoking History	✓		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excluded Data Source added: Documentation from a transferring facility or a previous admission. E.g., Do not use H&P from transferring hospital.
Another Suspected Source of Infection	✓		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changed the timeframe for the data element from “upon admission” to “within 24 hours of arrival”
Antibiotic Administration Date, Time, Name and Route	✓		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only collect antibiotics administered within 24 hours after arrival.
Antibiotic Received	✓		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only collect antibiotics administered within 24 hours after arrival. • The note instructing to only use H&Ps dated the day of admission or the day prior to admission has been removed
Blood Culture Collected After Arrival and Blood Culture Prior to Arrival	✓		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The data elements Blood Culture Collected After Arrival and Blood Culture Prior to Arrival have been combined into the new data element Blood Culture Collected • Only consider blood cultures collected within 24 hours of arrival
Clinical Trial	✓		<p>“Yes” response requires three conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signed consent form only

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clinical trial must be experimental study NOT observational study (e.g., registry) Clinical trial is enrolling patients with the same condition as the measure set being studied: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pneumonia
Compromised		✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added Exclusion, “Any steroids administered via epidural/spinal injections”
Healthcare Associated PN		✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added “acute care” prior to hospitalization Will accept “hospitalization” without documentation of length of stay
ICU Transfer or Admission Within First 24 Hours		✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clarified that transfer/admission only includes this facility
Identified Pathogen		✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any physician documentation of a known pathogen within 24 hours of arrival – Select Yes <p>Example: Physician documents in the ED H&P, “chronic history of pseudomonas”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added Exclusion, “Gram stain results that do not list a pathogen” <p>Examples: gram stain, positive cocci, gram negative rods, normal flora</p>
Influenza Vaccination Status		✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clarified that there must be documentation that the vaccine has been ordered but has not yet been received by the hospital due to problems with vaccine production or distribution AND allowable values 1-5 are not selected in order to select value 6
Initial Blood Culture Collection Date and Time	✓		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only consider blood cultures collected within 24 hours after arrival
Risk Factors for Drug Resistant Pneumococcus	✓		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The note regarding “chronic” has been removed New definition of co-morbid conditions, “For the purposes of this data element, medical co-morbidities are defined as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Renal, heart, lung or liver disease documented within the last 3 months Diabetes mellitus Asplenia Malignancies documented within the last 3 months

For a complete list of changes please see the “Release Notes” located in the Specifications Manual for National Hospital Quality Measures for discharges 10/1/2008. The manual can be found at <http://www.qualitynet.org/dcs/ContentServer?cid=1192804535739&pagename=QnetPublic%2FPage%2FQnetTier3&c=Page>

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