

NATIONAL
PNEUMONIA
Medicare Quality Improvement Project

FACT SHEET
Summary of Pneumonia Measure Changes for 4/1/09+ Discharges

- PN-1 (Oxygenation) and PN-5b (Antibiotics within 4 hours of arrival) have been retired
- Doripenem has been added as an additional antipseudomonal beta-lactam option for patients with Pseudomonas Risk

| Data Element | New | Clarification | Change |
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| ABG Done | ✓ | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This data element has been retired |
| Another Suspected Source of Infection | ✓ | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exclusion added: Systemic Inflammatory Response Syndrome (SIRS) |
| Antibiotic Administration Route, Date and Antibiotic Name | | ✓ | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abstract antibiotics from narrative charting ONLY if there is no other documentation that reflects an antibiotic was given • Do not collect antibiotics documented on operative report as this does not reflect actual administration • The date or signature/initials documented on one side/page of a multi-sided or multi-paged form can be applied to all documentation on that form for abstraction purposes. If the date of administration is not documented on any side/page of the form, utilize 'UTD' for the missing date. If the signature or initials signifying administration is not documented on any side/page of the form, that specific antibiotic cannot be abstracted. |
| Antibiotic Administration Time | | ✓ | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abstract antibiotics from narrative charting ONLY if there is no other documentation that reflects an antibiotic was given • Do not collect antibiotics documented on operative report as this does not reflect actual administration • The date or signature/initials documented on one side/page of a multi-sided or multi-paged form can be applied to all documentation on that form for abstraction purposes. If the date of administration is not documented on any side/page of the form, utilize 'UTD' for the missing date. If the signature or initials signifying administration is not documented on any side/page of the form, that specific antibiotic cannot be abstracted. • The use of 'hang time' or 'infusion time' is acceptable as antibiotic administration time when other documentation cannot be found |
| Blood Culture Collected and Initial blood | ✓ | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allowable values and abstraction notes wording change slightly to abstract the initial documentation of blood culture rather than the 'initial blood culture' |

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| Culture Collection Date | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blood culture information abstracted should demonstrate actual collection of the blood culture. <p>Examples:</p> <p>Do not use physician orders as they do not demonstrate collection of the blood culture</p> <p>Narrative documentation of 'Lab at bedside to draw blood culture' (does not demonstrate collection took place) or 'Lab was at bedside blood drawn' (does not demonstrate a blood culture was collected) would not be sufficient</p> |
| Chest X-Ray | ✓ | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If the only documentation of an Inclusion is prefaced with wording such as 'no significant' or 'no definite', select 4 (do NOT reference Appendix H, Table 2.6) |
| Comfort Measures Only | ✓ | | <p>Guideline added:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Abstraction guideline added which disallows the use of CMO documentation that is dated prior to arrival or which refers to the pre-arrival time period (e.g., comfort measures only order in previous hospitalization record, "Pt. on hospice at home" in H&P). EXCEPTION: CMO documented on state-authorized portable orders (SAPOs) which are dated prior to arrival will count as CMO. SAPO Examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DNR-Comfort Care form MOLST (Medical Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment) POLST (Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment) Inclusions added: Brain death, Organ harvest Inclusion deleted: Allow natural death |
| Compromised | ✓ | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inclusion deleted: Malignancy Exclusion deleted: Any skin cancers without documentation of chemotherapy or radiation therapy within the last 3 months |
| Initial Blood Culture Collection Time | ✓ | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allowable values and abstraction notes wording change slightly to abstract the initial documentation of blood culture rather than the 'initial blood culture' Blood culture information abstracted should demonstrate actual collection of the blood culture. <p>Examples:</p> <p>Do not use physician orders as they do not demonstrate collection of the blood culture</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Narrative documentation of 'Lab at bedside to draw blood culture' (does not demonstrate collection took place) or 'Lab was at bedside blood drawn' (does not demonstrate a blood culture was collected) would not be sufficient If multiple times of collection are documented abstract the earliest (initial) time, providing documentation demonstrates collection. Note: This data element no longer limits abstraction to documentation of 'drawn, collected or obtained' times. |
| Pneumonia Diagnosis: ED/Direct Admit | ✓ | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If there is documentation of aspiration PN as an ED final diagnosis or direct admit admitting diagnosis, select 3 <p>Example: the ED final diagnosis/direct admit admission diagnosis is 'Pneumonia vs aspiration pneumonia', select 3</p> |

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| Pseudomonas Risk | ✓ | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exclusion added: Asthma |
| Pulsa Oximetry Done | ✓ | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This data element has been retired |

For a complete list of changes please see the “Release Notes,” located in the Specifications Manual for National Hospital Quality Measures for discharges 4/1/2009. The manual can be found at <http://www.qualitynet.org/dcs/ContentServer?cid=1192804535739&pagename=QnetPublic%2FPage%2FQnetTier3&c=Page>

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