

****NQF-ENDORSED VOLUNTARY CONSENSUS STANDARDS FOR HOSPITAL CARE****

Measure Information Form

Measure Set: Heart Failure

Set Measure ID#: HF-4

Performance Measure Name: Adult Smoking Cessation Advice/Counseling

Description: Heart failure patients with a history of smoking cigarettes, who are given smoking cessation advice or counseling during hospital stay. For purposes of this measure, a smoker is defined as someone who has smoked cigarettes anytime during the year prior to hospital arrival.

Rationale: Smoking cessation reduces mortality and morbidity in all populations. Patients who receive even brief smoking-cessation advice from their physicians are more likely to quit. National guidelines strongly recommend smoking cessation counseling for smokers with cardiovascular disease, including heart failure (Braunwald, 2000, Ryan, 1999 and Hunt, 2001). Despite this recommendation, smoking cessation counseling is rarely provided to older patients hospitalized with heart failure (CMS National Heart Failure Project baseline data).

Type of Measure: Process

Improvement Noted As: An increase in the rate

Numerator Statement: Heart failure patients (cigarette smokers) who receive smoking cessation advice or counseling during the hospital stay

Included Populations: Not Applicable

Excluded Populations: None

Data Elements:

Adult Smoking Counseling

Denominator Statement: Heart failure patients with a history of smoking cigarettes anytime during the year prior to hospital arrival

Included Populations: Discharges with:

- An *ICD-9-CM Principal Diagnosis Code* for heart failure as defined in Appendix A, Table 2.1
AND
- A history of smoking cigarettes anytime during the year prior to hospital arrival

Excluded Populations:

- Patients less than 18 years of age
- Patients transferred to another acute care hospital or federal hospital
- Patients who expired
- Patients who left against medical advice
- Patients discharged to hospice

Data Elements:

- *Admission Date*
- *Adult Smoking History*
- *Birthdate*
- *Discharge Status*
- *ICD-9-CM Principal Diagnosis Code*

Risk Adjustment: No

Data Collection Approach: Retrospective data sources for required elements include administrative data and medical records.

Data Accuracy: Variation may exist in the assignment of ICD-9-CM codes; therefore, coding practices may require evaluation to ensure consistency.

Measure Analysis Suggestions: None

Sampling: Yes, for additional information see the Sampling section

Data Reported as: Aggregate rate generated from count data reported as a proportion

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