

Select Clinical PN Changes Beginning October 1, 2006

All Measures

- In order to select “yes” to the data element, *Comfort Measures Only*, ONLY the following documentation will be accepted: Comfort care, Comfort Measures, Comfort measures only, End of life care, Hospice care, Palliative care or Terminal care
- The data element *Pneumonia Working Diagnosis*, will no longer be a general exclusion. If answered “yes” the case will only be excluded from the admission measures; PN-1, PN-3a, PN-3b, PN-5 and PN-6

PN-1, Oxygenation Assessment

- The data element *Pneumonia Working Diagnosis*, has changed so extensively that it has a new name, *Pneumonia Diagnosis: ED/Direct Admit*. In order to select “yes” to an ED admit, the FINAL diagnosis/impression in the ED must be pneumonia. In order to select “yes” for a direct admit, pneumonia must be listed as an initial diagnosis/impression in the admitting notes.

PN-2, Pneumococcal Vaccination

- Chemotherapy or radiation therapy during the hospitalization are now included in the “Allergy/Sensitivity” Allowable Value.

PN-3a, Blood Cultures Performed Within 24 Hours Prior to or 24 Hours After Hospital Arrival for Patients Who Were Transferred or Admitted to the ICU Within 24 Hours of Hospital Arrival.

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PN-3b, Blood Cultures Performed in the Emergency Department Prior to Initial Antibiotic Received in Hospital.

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References and Resources:

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PN-4, Adult Smoking Cessation Advise/Counseling

- No clinical changes were made to this measure

PN-5, Antibiotic Timing

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PN-6, Initial Antibiotic Selection for Community-Acquired Pneumonia (CAP) in Immunocompetent patients.

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- A new data element, *Another Suspected Source of Infection*, has been added for antibiotic selection. If a recommended regimen is not received and the patient has a documented infection at admission (other than PN), the case will be excluded from the Antibiotic Selection Measure.
- For the data element *Pseudomonal Risk*, COPD has been replaced with “Structural Lung Disease”, which is defined in the data element as COPD, Emphysema, Cystic Fibrosis, Chronic Bronchitis or Pulmonary Fibrosis.

PN-7, Influenza Vaccination

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