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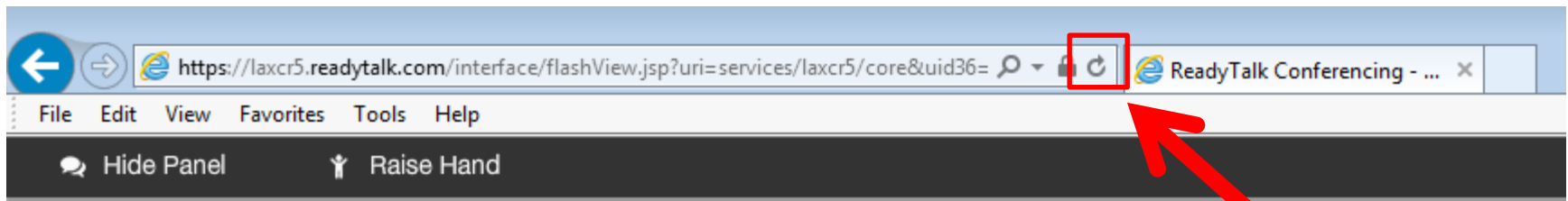


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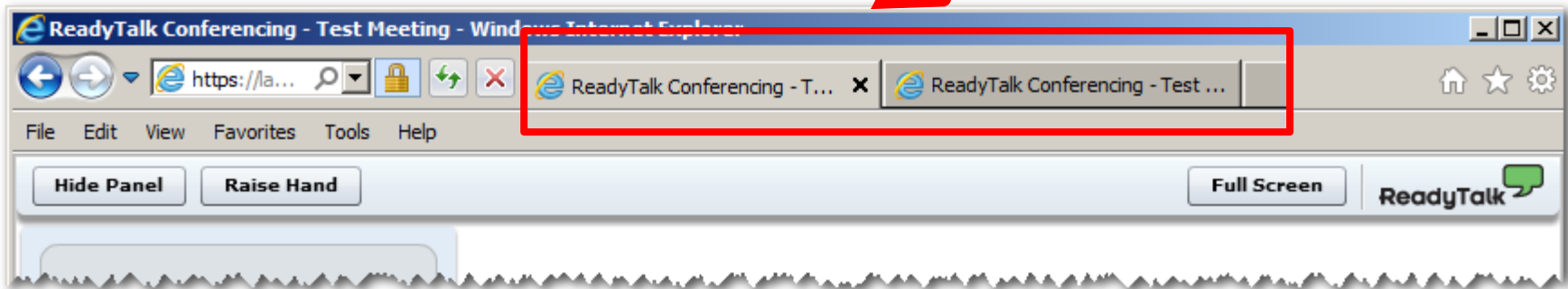


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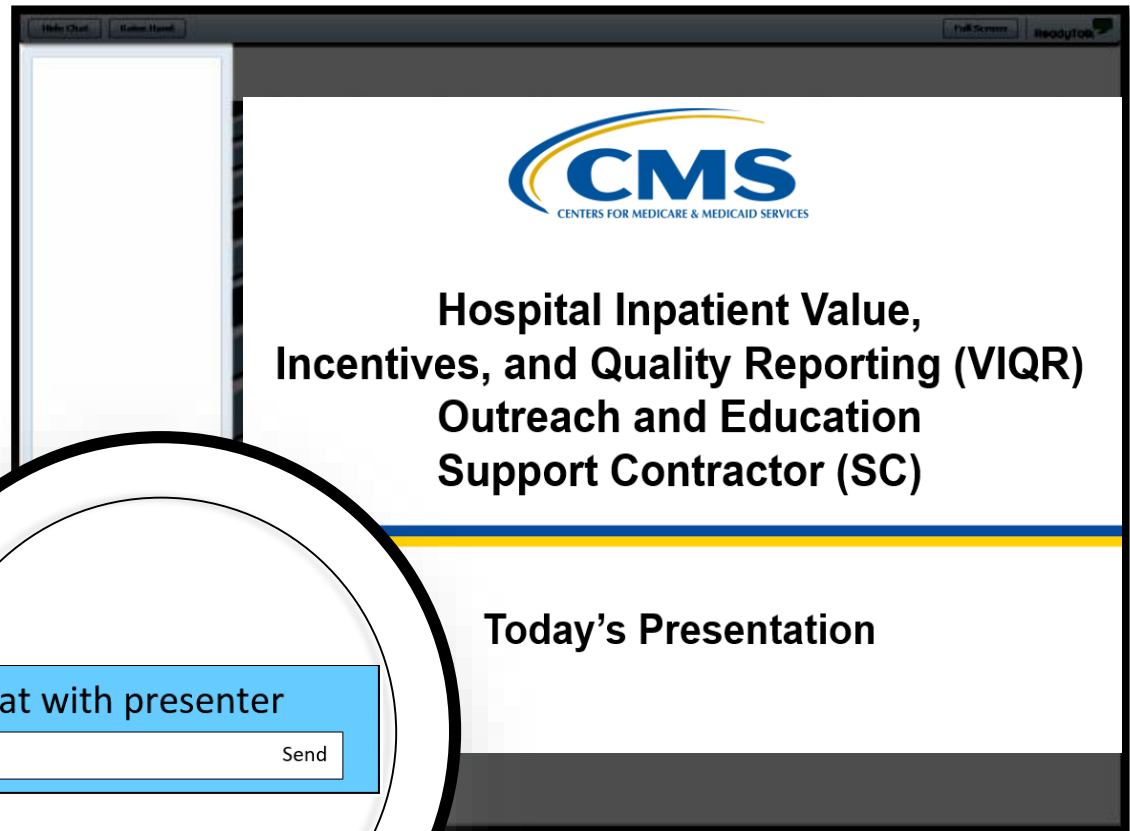
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PCHQR Program: Calendar Year 2018 Recap and a Look Ahead

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December 19, 2018

Acronyms and Abbreviations

ACS	American College of Surgeons	HCAHPS	Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems
CAUTI	Catheter-Associated Urinary Tract Infection	HCP	Healthcare Personnel
CDC	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	HSAG	Health Services Advisory Group
CDI	<i>Clostridium difficile</i> Infection	ICU	Intensive Care Unit
CE	Continuing Education	IPPS	Inpatient Prospective Payment System
CLABSI	Central Line-Associated Bloodstream Infection	LTCH	Long-Term Care Hospital
CMS	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services	MRSA	Methicillin-Resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>
CST	Cancer-Specific Treatment	NHSN	National Healthcare Safety Network
CY	Calendar Year	NQF	National Quality Forum
DACA	Data Accuracy and Completeness Acknowledgement	OCM	Oncology Care Measure
EBRT	External Beam Radiotherapy for Bone Metastases	OP	Outpatient
ED	Emergency Department	PCH	PPS-Exempt Cancer Hospital
EOL	End-of-Life	PCHQR	PPS-Exempt Cancer Hospital Quality Reporting
FSR	Facility-Specific Report	PPS	Prospective Payment System
FY	Fiscal Year	Q	Quarter
HAI	Healthcare-Associated Infection	SC	Support Contractor
		SIR	Standardized Infection Ratio
		SSI	Surgical Site Infection
		VIQR	Value, Incentives, and Quality Reporting
		WBDCT	Web-Based Data Collection Tool

Purpose

This presentation will provide a recap of this year's PCHQR Program key events and changes and will prepare program participants for key events and changes in Calendar Year (CY) 2019.

Objectives

Upon completion of this event, participants will be able to recall significant program events and changes that occurred in Calendar Year 2018 and apply the information provided to CY 2019.

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Calendar Year 2018 Recap

Publication of the FY 2019 IPPS/LTCH PPS Final Rule

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS)/Long-Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System (LTCH PPS) Final Rule:

- Added a new factor for measure removal and retention.
- Removed four Oncology Care Measures (OCMs).
- Added one claims-based outcome measure.
- Finalized reporting requirements.
- Addressed potential measures for future inclusion in the program.
- Addressed public display requirements.

New Measure Removal Factor

Factor 8 – The costs associated with the measure outweigh the benefit of its continued use in the program.

- Effective date: October 1, 2018

Removal of Four OCMs

The following topped-out clinical process OCMs were finalized for removal in the FY 2021 program year:

- Oncology: Radiation Dose Limits to Normal Tissues (National Quality Forum [NQF] #0382/PCH-14)
- Oncology: Medical and Radiation-Pain Intensity Quantified (NQF #0384/PCH-16)
- Prostate Cancer: Adjuvant Hormonal Therapy for High Risk Patients (NQF #0390/PCH-17)
- Prostate Cancer: Avoidance of Overuse of Bone Scan for Staging Low Risk Patients (NQF #0389/PCH-18)

Addition of Claims-Based Outcome Measure

- 30-Day Unplanned Readmissions for Cancer Patients (NQF #3188)
- Data collection period finalized for October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019

FY 2021 PCHQR Program Measure Set

Safety and Healthcare-Associated Infection (HAI)

Short Name	NQF #	Measure Name
CAUTI	0138	National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) Catheter-Associated Urinary Tract Infection Outcome Measure
CLABSI	0139	NHSN Central Line-Associated Bloodstream Infection Outcome Measure
SSI Colon and Abdominal Hysterectomy	0753	American College of Surgeons-Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (ACS-CDC) Harmonized Procedure Specific Surgical Site Infection (SSI) Outcome Measure (currently includes SSIs following colon surgery and abdominal hysterectomy surgery)
CDI	1717	NHSN Facility-wide Inpatient Hospital-onset <i>Clostridium difficile</i> Infection (CDI) Outcome Measure
MRSA	1716	NHSN Facility-wide Inpatient Hospital-onset Methicillin-resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> (MRSA) Bacteremia Outcome Measure
HCP	0431	Influenza Vaccination Coverage Among Healthcare Personnel (HCP)

FY 2021 PCHQR Program Measure Set (continued)

Clinical Process/Oncology Care Measures

Short Name	NQF #	Measure Name
N/A	0383	Oncology: Plan of Care for Pain – Medical Oncology and Radiation Oncology
EOL-Chemo	0210	Proportion of Patients Who Died from Cancer Receiving Chemotherapy in the last 14 Days of Life
EOL-Hospice	0215	Proportion of Patients Who Died from Cancer Not Admitted to Hospice

Intermediate Clinical Outcome Measures

Short Name	NQF #	Measure Name
EOL-ICU	0213	Proportion of Patients Who Died from Cancer Admitted to the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) in the Last 30 Days of Life
EOL-3DH	0216	Proportion of Patients Who Died from Cancer Admitted to Hospice for Less than Three Days

FY 2021 PCHQR Program

Measure Set (continued)

Patient Engagement/Experience of Care

Short Name	NQF #	Measure Name
HCAHPS	0166	Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS) Survey

Clinical Effectiveness Measure

Short Name	NQF #	Measure Name
EBRT	N/A	External Beam Radiotherapy for Bone Metastases

Claims-Based Outcome Measure

Short Name	NQF #	Measure Name
OP Chemo	N/A	Admissions and Emergency Department (ED) Visits for Patients Receiving Outpatient Chemotherapy
N/A	3188	30-Day Unplanned Readmissions for Cancer Patients

New Quality Measure Topics for Future Years

CMS sought public comment on two potential measures:

- Risk-Adjusted Morbidity and Mortality for Lung Resection for Lung Cancer (NQF #1790)
- Shared Decision Making Process (NQF #2962)

Public Display Requirements

Measures	Public Reporting
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HCAHPS (NQF #0166) Oncology: Plan of Care for Pain – Medical Oncology and Radiation Oncology (NQF #0383) 	2016 and subsequent years
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ACS-CDC Harmonized Procedure SSI Outcome Measure (currently includes SSIs following colon surgery and abdominal hysterectomy surgery) (NQF#0753) NHSN MRSA Outcome Measure (NQF #1716) NHSN CDI Outcome Measure (NQF #1717) NHSN Influenza Vaccination Coverage Among HCP (NQF #0431) 	As soon practicable
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CLABSI (NQF #0139) CAUTI (NQF # 0138) 	Deferred
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EBRT (PCH-25) 	2017 and subsequent years

Reporting Requirements for NQF #3188

The reporting requirements for the 30-Day Unplanned Readmissions for Cancer Patients measure include the following:

- This measure is claims-based, so there are no additional data-submission requirements for the PCHs.
 - CMS will calculate measure rates using PCH claims data.
- For the FY 2021 program year, CMS will collect data from October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019.

Electronic Submission of the FY 2019 DACA

PPS Exempt Cancer Hospitals DACA

Provider PPS-Exempt Cancer Hospital	CCN 999999	Submission Period 07/01/2018 - 08/31/2018	With Respect to Reporting Period 09/01/2017 - 08/31/2018
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Data Accuracy and Completeness Acknowledgement | FY2019 * Required field

For all PPS-Exempt Cancer Hospital Quality Reporting participating providers, the Data Accuracy and Completeness Acknowledgement is required by CMS in order to fulfill the requirement to publicly report their data.

PPS-Exempt Cancer Hospital Quality Reporting (PCHQR) Program

Data Accuracy and Completeness Acknowledgement (DACA)

To the best of my knowledge, at the time of submission of this form, all of the information reported for this hospital for participation in the PCHQR Program is accurate and complete. This acknowledgement is for information submitted since the completion of the Fiscal Year(FY) 2018 DACA signed in Calendar Year 2017. This information includes the following:

- Measure data, as defined for the PCHQR Program
- All Program requirements, as defined for the PCHQR Program (e.g., where applicable, chart abstraction and/or sampling)
- Current Notice of Participation
- Active QualityNet Security Administrator

Admissions and ED Visits for Patients Receiving Outpatient Chemotherapy

- Facility-Specific Reports (FSRs) distributed October 25, 2018
 - Solely for confidential review as results will not be publicly reported on *Hospital Compare*
- Updated information made available on *QualityNet*:
 - [QualityNet](#) > PPS-Exempt Cancer Hospitals > Measures > Chemotherapy Measure
 - Measure Methodology (2018 Chemotherapy Measure Data Dictionary)
 - Reports (Mock FSR, FSR User Guide)
 - Fact Sheet
 - Frequently Asked Questions

PCHQR Program Resources

- 2018 Program Manual
- Measure Submission Deadlines by Due Date
- Web-Based Data Collection Tool (WBDCT) Guidelines by Due Date
- Relationship Matrix
- Measure Information Form and algorithms

PCHQR Program Web Pages

[QualityNet](#) > PPS-Exempt Cancer Hospitals tab

- Overview
- Measures
- Data collection
- Data submission
- Resources

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A Look Ahead to Calendar Year 2019

PCHQR Program Measures

What's Next?

- NQF #0382, #0384, #0389, and #0390
 - No data collection is required for encounters starting CY 2019 (January 1–December 31, 2019)
 - Last annual submission will be August 15, 2019 (reporting period is CY 2018 [January 1–December 31, 2018])
- NQF #0383 (and EBRT) will continue to be reported annually
- Outpatient Chemotherapy measure
 - Next confidential review in spring 2019
 - Chemotherapy treatment performed from July 1, 2017–June 30, 2018
- Resources and tools updated accordingly

2019 Hospital Compare Refresh Timeline

Hospital Compare Release	Measures	Quarters Displayed
February 2019	Colon and Breast Chemotherapy	Q4 2016 and Q1–Q3 2017
	Hormone Therapy	Q2–Q4 2016 and Q1 2017
	HCAHPS	Q2–Q4 2017 and Q1 2018
	OCM	Q1–Q4 2017
	EBRT	Q1–Q4 2017
April 2019	Colon and Breast Chemotherapy	Q1–Q4 2017
	Hormone Therapy	Q3, Q4 2016 and Q1, Q2 2017
	HCAHPS	Q3, Q4 2017 and Q1, Q2 2018
July 2019	Hormone Therapy	Q4 2016 and Q1–Q3 2017
	HCAHPS	Q4 2017 and Q1–Q3 2018
October 2019	Hormone Therapy	Q1–Q4 2017
	HCAHPS	Q1–Q4 2018

Note: Public reporting timelines for the Admissions and ED Visits for Patients Receiving Outpatient Chemotherapy, EOL, and 30-Day Unplanned Readmissions for Cancer Patient measures have not yet been specified.

PCH Reports and WBDCT

Planned updates include the following:

- PCH Reports
 - Data table updates
- WBDCT
 - Measure summary page
- Measure Identifiers

Current CDI and MRSA Data Tables

Fiscal Year: 2019
Exception Form on File: NO

Measure Set: Safety and Healthcare-Associated Infection—HAI				
		Numerator	Denominator	SIR
Measure: SSI Colon				
Last NHSN Update: 08/16/2017	Discharge Quarter: 01/01/2017 - 03/31/2017	2	2.013	.994
Last NHSN Update: 11/16/2017	Discharge Quarter: 04/01/2017 - 06/30/2017	3	1.662	1.805
Last NHSN Update: 02/16/2018	Discharge Quarter: 07/01/2017 - 09/30/2017	2	1.526	1.311
Last NHSN Update: 03/16/2018	Discharge Quarter: 10/01/2017 - 12/31/2017	2	1.023	1.955
Measure: SSI Abdominal Hysterectomy				
Last NHSN Update: 08/16/2017	Discharge Quarter: 01/01/2017 - 03/31/2017	0	.282	(N/A) ¹
Last NHSN Update: 11/16/2017	Discharge Quarter: 04/01/2017 - 06/30/2017	0	.31	(N/A) ¹
Last NHSN Update: 02/16/2018	Discharge Quarter: 07/01/2017 - 09/30/2017	0	.345	(N/A) ¹
Last NHSN Update: 03/16/2018	Discharge Quarter: 10/01/2017 - 12/31/2017	1	28	(N/A) ¹
Measure: Clostridium difficile Infection (CDI)				
Last NHSN Update: 08/16/2017	Discharge Quarter: 01/01/2017 - 03/31/2017	28	12486	(N/A) ¹
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Last NHSN Update: 03/16/2018	Discharge Quarter: 10/01/2017 - 12/31/2017	27	17885	(N/A) ¹
Measure: Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) Bacteremia				
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Measure Set: Safety and Healthcare-Associated Infection—HAI							
Measure: Influenza Vaccination Coverage Among Healthcare Personnel (HCP)							
Influenza Season: 10/01/2017 - 03/31/2018							
Monitored Healthcare Personnel Group	Vaccinated On Site	Vaccinated Elsewhere	Contraindicated	Declined	Personnel Population	Adherence Percentage	Last NHSN File Update to CMS
Employee Staff on Facility Payroll							
Licensed Independent Practitioners							
Adults Students/Trainees & Volunteers							
Total							

Last NHSN Update is the date of the most recently updated HAI Measure Data for the discharge quarter from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

New CDI and MRSA Data Tables

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Current Measure Identifiers

Fiscal Year: 2020						
Exception Form on File: NO						
Measure Set: Clinical Process / Oncology Care Measures						
	Population And Sampling			Numerator	Denominator	Percent
	Sampling Frequency	Initial Patient Population	Sample Size			
Measure: (NQF #0382) Oncology: Radiation Dose Limits to Normal Tissues						
Discharge Quarter: 01/01/2018 - 03/31/2018	(N/A) ¹	(N/A) ¹	(N/A) ¹	(N/A) ¹	(N/A) ¹	(N/A) ¹
Discharge Quarter: 04/01/2018 - 06/30/2018	(N/A) ¹	(N/A) ¹	(N/A) ¹	(N/A) ¹	(N/A) ¹	(N/A) ¹
Discharge Quarter: 07/01/2018 - 09/30/2018	(N/A) ¹	(N/A) ¹	(N/A) ¹	(N/A) ¹	(N/A) ¹	(N/A) ¹
Discharge Quarter: 10/01/2018 - 12/31/2018	(N/A) ¹	(N/A) ¹	(N/A) ¹	(N/A) ¹	(N/A) ¹	(N/A) ¹
Measure: (NQF #0383) Oncology: Plan of Care for Pain						
Discharge Quarter: 01/01/2018 - 03/31/2018	(N/A) ¹	(N/A) ¹	(N/A) ¹	(N/A) ¹	(N/A) ¹	(N/A) ¹
Discharge Quarter: 04/01/2018 - 06/30/2018	(N/A) ¹	(N/A) ¹	(N/A) ¹	(N/A) ¹	(N/A) ¹	(N/A) ¹
Discharge Quarter: 07/01/2018 - 09/30/2018	(N/A) ¹	(N/A) ¹	(N/A) ¹	(N/A) ¹	(N/A) ¹	(N/A) ¹

New Measure Identifiers

Fiscal Year: 2020						
Exception Form on File: NO						
Measure Set: Clinical Process / Oncology Care Measures						
	Population And Sampling			Numerator	Denominator	Percent
	Sampling Frequency	Initial Patient Population	Sample Size			
Measure: (PCH-14) Oncology: Radiation Dose Limits to Normal Tissues					Last Update: mm/dd/yyyy	
Discharge Quarter: 01/01/2018 - 03/31/2018	(N/A) ¹	(N/A) ¹	(N/A) ¹	(N/A) ¹	(N/A) ¹	(N/A) ¹
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Discharge Quarter: 10/01/2018 - 12/31/2018	(N/A) ¹	(N/A) ¹	(N/A) ¹	(N/A) ¹	(N/A) ¹	(N/A) ¹
Measure: (PCH-15) Oncology: Plan of Care for Pain					Last Update: mm/dd/yyyy	
Discharge Quarter: 01/01/2018 - 03/31/2018	(N/A) ¹	(N/A) ¹	(N/A) ¹	(N/A) ¹	(N/A) ¹	(N/A) ¹
Discharge Quarter: 04/01/2018 - 06/30/2018	(N/A) ¹	(N/A) ¹	(N/A) ¹	(N/A) ¹	(N/A) ¹	(N/A) ¹
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WBDCT Measure Summary Page

Current Measure Summary Page

Web-Based Measures | FY 2019

Provider ID	NQF #1822	NQF #0382	NQF #0383	NQF #0384	NQF #0389	NQF #0390
	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed

New Measure Summary Page

Web-Based Measures | FY 2020

Provider ID	PCH-25	PCH-14	PCH-15	PCH-16	PCH-18	PCH-17
	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed

WBDCT Data Entry Page

Current Data Entry Page



NQF #1822: External Beam Radiotherapy (EBRT) for Bone Metastases

Population

* What was your hospital's Sampling Frequency?

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New Data Entry Page



PCH-25 : External Beam Radiotherapy (EBRT) for Bone Metastases

Population

* What was your hospital's Sampling Frequency?

Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
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Key Dates and Reminders

Important Upcoming Dates

- ***Tentative Save the Date - Outreach and Education***
 - January 24, 2019
 - February 28, 2019
- **Upcoming Hospital Quality Reporting Data Submissions**
 - January 3, 2019
 - Q3 2018 HCAHPS Survey Data
 - February 15, 2019
 - Q4 2017 Cancer-Specific Treatment (CST) hormone data
 - Q3 2018 HAI data
 - CAUTI, CLABSI, SSI, MRSA and CDI

Important Upcoming Dates

Hospital Compare Key Dates (All dates are tentative)

- **February 2019**

- Contains:

- 4Q 2016 through 3Q 2017 CST colon and breast data
- 2Q 2016 through 1Q 2017 CST hormone data
- 2Q 2017 through 1Q 2018 HCAHPS data
- 1Q 2017 through 4Q 2017 OCM data
- 1Q 2017 through 4Q 2017 EBRT data

- Preview period: December 1–30, 2018

- *Hospital Compare* refresh: February 13, 2019

- **April 2019**

- Contains:

- 1Q 2017 through 4Q 2017 CST colon and breast data
- 3Q 2016 through 2Q 2017 CST hormone data
- 3Q 2017 through 2Q 2018 HCAHPS Survey data

- Tentative preview period: February 8–March 9, 2019

- Tentative *Hospital Compare* refresh: April 24, 2019

Accessing the *QualityNet* Questions and Answers Tool

[QualityNet Questions and Answers Tool](#)

The screenshot displays the QualityNet website interface. At the top left is the QualityNet logo. To its right is a login link: "Log in to QualityNet Secure Portal (formerly MyQualityNet)" with a "Log In" button. Further right is a search bar with the text "Search". Below the header is a navigation bar with tabs for "Home", "My QualityNet", and "Help". Underneath are dropdown menus for various facility types: "Hospitals - Inpatient", "Hospitals - Outpatient", "Physician Offices", "Ambulatory Surgical Centers", "PPS-Exempt Cancer Hospitals", "ESRD Facilities", "Inpatient Psychiatric Facilities", and "Quality Improvement".

The main content area is divided into three columns. The left column contains links for "QualityNet Registration" (listing Hospitals - Inpatient, Hospitals - Outpatient, Physician Offices, ASCs, Cancer Hospitals, ESRD Facilities, Inpatient Psychiatric Facilities, and QIOs), "Getting Started with QualityNet" (listing Registration, Sign-In Instructions, Security Statement, Password Rules, and QualityNet System Security Policy, PDF), and "Join ListServes" (Sign up for Notifications and Discussions).

The middle column features "QualityNet News" with a "More News »" link. The main news article is titled "CMS releases December 2017 Hospital Compare preview reports". The text states: "The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is making the December 2017 Hospital Compare preview reports available on QualityNet on October 2, 2017. The preview reports are for hospitals and facilities participating in the Inpatient Quality Reporting (IQR), Outpatient Quality Reporting (OQR), Inpatient Psychiatric Facility Quality Reporting (IPFQR) and PPS-Exempt Cancer Hospital Quality Reporting (PCHQR) Programs." It also notes that reports will be available from October 2 through October 31 and encourages early access. Below the article is a "Full Article »" link and a "Headlines" section with several links, including "CMS grants exceptions for Quality Program participants in FEMA disaster areas in Puerto Rico and U.S. Virgin Islands affected by Hurricane Maria" and "CMS grants exemptions for Quality Program participants in FEMA disaster areas in Texas and Louisiana affected by Hurricane Harvey".

The right column contains "Log in to QualityNet Secure Portal" with a "Login" field and links for "Download Symantec ID (required for login)", "Portal Resources", and "Secure File Transfer Resources". Below this is a "Questions & Answers" section with a list of links: "Hospitals - Inpatient", "Hospitals - Outpatient", "Ambulatory Surgical Centers", "Inpatient Psychiatric Facilities", and "PPS-Exempt Cancer Hospitals". The "PPS-Exempt Cancer Hospitals" link is highlighted with a red box. A "Note" below states: "Note: First-time registration required". At the bottom of the right column is a "Downloads" section.

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