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Now that summer's in full swing, it's okay to chill out a little. Just don't let your patients chill!

Of course, we're talking about ASC-13: Normothermia, the outcome measure that was implemented with January 1, 2018 encounters. ASC-13 is the percentage of patients having surgical procedures under general or neuraxial anesthesia of 60 minutes or more in duration who are normothermic within 15 minutes of arrival in the Post Anesthesia Care Unit (PACU).

While you're collecting your data this year, check your outcomes. Are your patients experiencing temperatures lower than the recommended equal to or greater than 96.8 degrees Fahrenheit/36 degrees Celsius recorded within 15 minutes of arrival in the PACU?

Data submission for this measure will begin in January 2019, so take action now to turn up the heat! We have [Example Scenarios](#) and an [Algorithm](#) to help you with data abstraction at Quality Reporting Center.

You're welcome to call (866.800.8756) or email (<https://cms-ocsq.custhelp.com>) us if you have any questions or concerns.

So, keep your patients toasty and chill in your free time!