



# Outpatient Quality Reporting Program

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## Support Contractor

### Crunching the Numbers: Reviewing Your Hospital's Data (OQR)

#### Questions & Answers

##### Speaker:

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- Question:** If OP-33 is removed, what will be the final quarter for data collection?
- Answer:** This measure is reported annually, not quarterly. If OP-33 is finalized for removal, as proposed, your last reporting period would be January 1-December 31, 2019 and submitted for the last time by May 15, 2020 for Payment Determination year 2021.
- Question:** Hospital Quality Reporting (HQR) Next Generation is not in my drop-down list.
- Answer:** Currently, QualityNet is updating their website. Try again in a day or two.
- Question:** I've tried to validate the data but have a hard time locating inclusion/exclusion criteria. Does the Specifications Manual have all the information I need for the measures that were released with the 2019 Deficit Reduction HAC report?
- Answer:** We are unable to speak to any inpatient measures. It is advisable to reach out to the Inpatient Quality Reporting (IQR) Program at 844.472.4477.
- Question:** For those who are new in the field of the CMS data reporting process and its program initiatives, are there educational training courses available, and how do we access these materials and/or training?
- Answer:** Yes, there is a wealth of tools and resources, including webinars geared towards those new to the program. These are available at <https://www.qualityreportingcenter.com/>. Access the Outpatient tab.
- Question:** Was this recorded? I had no audio.
- Answer:** Yes, all webinars are posted on our website. The recording will be there in the next 24 hours. You can access all archived webinars with this direct link:



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<https://www.qualityreportingcenter.com/en/hospital-oqr-program/archived-events/>.

**Question:** Do we still need to abstract measures once the total number is met even if the time this is met is Q2 of that year?

**Answer:** The Specifications Manual outlines the minimum submission threshold for all measures. Your facility should meet at least the minimum requirement; however, we do recommend over-submitting, if able. There are data submitted quarterly as well as annually. If you need additional assistance, please call us at 866.800.8756.

**Question:** What are the national rates for hospital visits for Outpatient department (OPD) surgery and OPD chemo?

**Answer:** We did not compare the data for OP-33 between the hospital and the Ambulatory Surgical Centers (ASCs) as there is not a comparable measure in the ASC setting. You can find national rates for OP-33 in Next Generation and on Hospital Compare.

**Question:** When will the validation result be available for the Calendar Year (CY) Q1 data for selected hospital for validation?

**Answer:** The validation contractor will notify facilities that the quarterly results are available in QualityNet.

**Question:** Did I misunderstand what she said about the last submission date for OP-33? If the final payment year is 2022, wouldn't the last date for collecting the data be December 31, 2020? So, it would be submitted in May 2021?

**Answer:** No. If OP-33 is finalized for removal, as proposed, your last data collection would be the reporting period of January 1-December 31, 2019, submitted for the last time by May 15, 2020 for Payment Determination year 2021. This is because it is proposed to be removed beginning CY 2022, which means you would not report data for that payment year (2022).

**Question:** What are the program requirements to receive full payment? I'm not sure where to find this data.

**Answer:** You can find a useful reference geared for those new to the program at: <https://www.qualityreportingcenter.com/globalassets/migrated-pdf/qrc-successful-reporting-in-the-hospital-oqr-program-guide-2019.pdf>.

**Question:** The List Serv is currently not allowing me to sign up; it gives an error. Our IT stated that they think your link is broken.



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**Answer:** As QualityNet is currently under reconstruction, we understand there are some transient issues. You can try again in a day or so or you can reach out to them directly, at 866.288. 8912.