



# Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting (IQR) Program

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### Measure Collaboration Workspace Webinar Series: Measure Collaboration Workspace and eCQM Data Element Repository Questions and Answers Summary

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*Subject-matter experts researched and answered the following questions after the live webinar. The questions may have been edited for grammar.*

**Question 1:** We have not found the data definitions to be very helpful. An example is “admission time” for Eligible Hospitals (EHs)/Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs). This can be interpreted differently (admission order time, arrival time, Emergency Department (ED) departure time), impacting the Initial Patient Population (IPP) as the measure specifications are written for the electronic ED-22 measure. The core measure data dictionary ensured data interpretation alignment in data collection between hospitals.

If there are questions about the measure specifications or specific data elements, we recommend reaching out to the measure developers. On slide 41, the first bullet has a link to the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) Jira website: <https://oncprojecttracking.healthit.gov>. Visitors to the public site have the option to search for a similar question based on the topic; if you are unable to locate a similar issue, you can create a login and password for the website to create and submit an issue for the measure steward to review and respond for additional clarification.

**Question 2:** If I see that a particular code was retired in a release note, how can I search to determine what data is associated with a particular code? For example, if a medication or dosage is no longer accepted according to the release note for an eCQM, like VTE or STK, how can I determine if the name of the prescription was changed?

In addition to the regular measure specifications that are published every year, the measure developers create release notes for the measures. There may be a way to search for value sets.

You can access the National Library of Medicine Value Set Authority Center (VSAC) to view the relevant value set and codes contained within the value set (<https://vsac.nlm.nih.gov/>). You can also view the value set version associated with the previous measurement periods. The VSAC Support Center provides helpful resources to navigate and use the VSAC. If you cannot locate the needed information, you can open a ticket in the ONC Project Tracking System (Jira) <https://oncprojecttracking.healthit.gov>. When creating the ticket, it is helpful to identify the specific measure, so the issue can be routed to the measure developers who created the value sets.

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**Question 3:** Are we (end users) able to run the measure reports referenced at the end of this presentation from the Measure Collaboration (MC) Workspace, or are those reports run by CMS?

If the commenter is referencing the aggregate report shown on slide 37, those are typically built within your own system; that report is not offered by CMS. CMS offers eCQM reports within the Hospital Quality Reporting (HQR) system for Hospital IQR Program data based on patient-level data submission, rather than the aggregate-level data shown today.

**Question 4:** Which electronic health record (EHR) does AllianceChicago use?

Alliance Chicago uses Centricity Practice Solutions.

**Question 5:** When you clicked on the link for SNOMED CT on the DERep Cervical Cancer Screen - Diagnosis Congenital Absence of Cervix, where does that take you?

When viewing the measure specification for cervical cancer, <https://ecqi.healthit.gov/ecqm/ep/2019/cms124v7/data-element>, clicking on the SNOMED CT link for the Diagnosis: Congenital Absence of Cervix data element takes you to the [Value Set Authority Center \(VSAC\)](#) in which further details can be found for the specific direct reference code used.

**Question 6:** If three new RXNorm codes were added or deleted with a 6 or 7 code number, how can we search what medication is referenced?

You can use the VSAC to search for specific codes. From the [VSAC home screen](#), in the upper-right corner, there is a button to [Browse Code Systems](#). In the case of this question, you can enter the 6 or 7 code number in the Query field. Specify RXNorm in the Code System field, then click Search to determine the medication referenced.

**Question 7:** Will CMS provide a benchmark for the eCQMs?

Links to the benchmarks for Eligible Professionals (EPs) and Eligible Clinicians (ECs) are on the eCQM Resources tab on the eCQI Resource Center EP/EC pages: <https://ecqi.healthit.gov/ep-ec?globalyearfilter=2020>.

The benchmarks can also be found on the Quality Payment Program (QPP) website: <https://qpp.cms.gov/mips/explore-measures>.

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Benchmarks do not exist for EH/CAH eQMs. CMS uses an annual validation process to assess the accuracy of EH/CAH eCQM data and verifies that eCQM data submitted to the CMS Clinical Warehouse meets the measure's intent. At this time, the accuracy of submitted eCQM data will not impact the pass-fail results for eCQM validation used to determine the Hospital IQR Program annual payment update.