



**PPS-Exempt Cancer Hospital Quality Reporting (PCHQR) Program**  
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**PCHQR Program: Surgical Treatment Complications for Localized  
Prostate Cancer (PCH-37) Measure Overview  
Question and Answer Summary Document**

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**Question 1:** Will CMS publicly report the measure performance score for the Surgical Treatment Complications for Localized Prostate Cancer measure (PCH-37) for the fiscal year (FY) 2023 program year ?

No. Results for PCH-37 for the FY 2023 program year are confidential. CMS will not publicly report them under the PCHQR Program.

**Question 2:** When will I receive my FSR?

In summer 2022, CMS distributed Facility-Specific Reports (FSRs) to facilities participating in the PCHQR Program. The FSRs contain final calculations based on qualifying prostate surgeries during July 1, 2019–December 31, 2019. CMS will distribute FSRs for the PCH-37 measure in spring 2023.

**Question 3:** How does the measure define the outcome?

The Prostate Cancer measure (PCH-37) defines the outcome as the difference in the number of days with incontinence and/or erectile dysfunction in the year before and after the prostate cancer surgery. A day with incontinence and/or erectile dysfunction is defined as the presence of an inpatient or outpatient claims for incontinence and/or erectile dysfunction.

**Question 4:** Is this measure risk-adjusted?

No, the measure is not risk adjusted. Analyses revealed that risk-adjusting the measure did not yield results that demonstrate any statistically significant differences from non-risk-adjusted results.

**Question 5:** Where can I find resources for this measure?

Resources for the PCH-37 measure are located on the QualityNet website: <https://qualitynet.cms.gov/> > PPS-Exempt Cancer Hospitals > Measures > [Prostate Cancer Measure](#)