



Ambulatory Surgical Center Quality Reporting Program

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Website Walk-through: Tools and Resources for the Ambulatory Surgical Center Quality Reporting (ASCQR) Program

Questions & Answers

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Question: We had a patient that spilled a cup of hot tea in her lap in PACU. We dried her lap and gave her an ice bag. She stated she was fine. We did not code this as a burn, are we correct.

Answer: Yes, the code G8907 is appropriate.

Question: What if our facility submitted the NHSN data and the Lookup Tool does not reflect the submission, even if our submission date was before the *Data Last Updated* date? What do we do then?

Answer: You can email NHSN at NHSN@cdc.gov and request that they check your submission.

Question: Our center only performed three colonoscopies in 2017. Do I need to enter any data for ASC-9 or ASC-10?

Answer: Yes, if any of the three colonoscopies meets the denominator criteria, you would report them. If none of the three meet the denominator criteria for ASC-9 or ASC-10, then you would report “0” for the Numerator and “0” for the Denominator.

Question: To submit quality data, do we use the QualityNet website?

Answer: Yes, a portion of the required quality data must be reported using the Secure Portal of QualityNet. These are measures ASC-9, ASC-10, and



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ASC-11. Data for ASC-8 must be submitted via the on-line submission tool through the NHSN website. Additionally, the reporting of measures ASC-1 through 4 is through the application of Quality Data Codes (QDCs) submitted on Medicare Fee-For-Service claims at a threshold of at least 50% of these claims.

Question: Why do we need access to Quality Reporting Center, QualityNet and NHSN; could you give brief description of use for each one?

Answer: The Quality Reporting Center website is a support and resource site for ASCs. This website is public-facing and does not need a password. Anyone can view and use any resources available on this site. You need access to QualityNet and NHSN to report data for this program. If you need further assistance, please call our help desk 866.800.8756.

Question: On what website is the Lookup Tool available?

Answer: You can find the Lookup Tool on www.qualityreportingcenter.com. Select Lookup Tool from the drop-down menu under the ASC tab.

Question: When submitting the population for ASC-9 and ASC-10 in the on-line submission tool in QualityNet, this box is voluntary, correct?

Answer: Yes, submission of population when entering your data into the online submission tool in QualityNet is voluntary for ASC-9 and ASC-10.

Question: When you refer to patient population, does this include just Medicare patients or all patients regardless of payer.

Answer: The measure Population would be all patients that meet the measure criteria, regardless of payer.

Question: For ASC-13, do you only report 63 or 96 or can you do more?

Answer: You will refer to the Sample Size Table in the Specifications Manual to determine your minimum sample Size of 63 or 96 which is based on your total population. You may voluntarily submit more than the required sample size.

Question: Is the patient population for ASC-9 and ASC-10, the total ASC population or the total gastrointestinal (GI) population or does some other criteria apply?



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Answer: The population for these measures is all the cases that meet the denominator CPT, ICD-10 and HCPCS Codes for each measure. These are available in the Specifications Manual. Once you obtain that population size, you will then refer to the Sample Size Requirement Table for the minimum sample size to report.

Question: Related to Normothermia, I understand what you just said about the numerator and denominator. However, I believe the measure says that I only audit 8 per month. Is this not true?

Answer: The minimum required sample size for a center with greater than 901 cases that meet the measure Denominator Criteria is 96 annually. Quarterly sample size is 24 and the monthly sample size is 8 per month. Yes, your monthly sample size is 8 cases. This measure is reported annually.

Question: We are a new facility that has a new tax ID and NPI number. However, we have not reported anything yet. Do we have to report for this year? We are still waiting for the transfer of ownership.

Answer: You will need to call the ASC Help Desk, at 866.800.8756. There are several situations that will determine when you need to start reporting.

Question: Are the only measures required this year ASC-9 and ASC-10 and ASC-8?

Answer: The web-based measures for the 2019 Payment Year are ASC-8, ASC-9 and ASC-10. The ASC-11 measure remains voluntary.

Question: For 2018 data collection, for measure ASC -9 there appears to be some changes regarding data collection of the Denominator Exclusions for example age >66 and life expectancy < 10 years. This is confusing please explain.

Answer: To contact the measure writers directly, you can enter your question into the QualityNet QA tool. They will respond directly to your question.

Question: Is there a hand out for the reporting explaining the process on the reporting website?

Answer: Yes. Below are several links to the ASC Quality Reporting Program.
https://www.qualityreportingcenter.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/ASC_2018-Successful-Reporting-in-the-ASCQR-Program-1.pdf and



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<https://www.qualitynet.org/dcs/ContentServer?c=Page&pagename=QnetPublic%2FPage%2FQnetTier2&cid=1228772497737> This has also been covered in detail in previous webinars. You can access these webinars on www.qualityreportingcenter.com under the Archived Events tab for this program. If you need further assistance, please call our helpdesk at 866.800-8756.