



# Ambulatory Surgical Center Quality Reporting Program

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## Support Contractor

### Your Data Is Showing: Public Reporting for ASCs

#### Questions & Answers

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- Question:** Are these QDCs required for laser procedures?
- Answer:** To meet program requirements, QDCs should be placed on a minimum of 50% of Medicare Fee-For-Service (FFS) claims. Please refer to the Specifications Manual for measure specifics. This is located at [www.qualitynet.org](http://www.qualitynet.org) under the ASC drop-down box or at this direct link: <https://www.qualitynet.org/dcs/ContentServer?c=Page&pagename=QnetPublic%2FPage%2FQnetTier2&cid=1228772475754>.
- Question:** I see that “N/A 5” is on many of the measures on Hospital Compare. Is this also used when the facility didn't report anything or didn't participate?
- Answer:** Yes. An “N/A 5” indicates there was no data available to report, which would include the scenario by which a provider did not report data for a particular measure or did not participate in that measure.
- Question:** Is data collected and then reported on both Medicare primary and secondary insurers for Hospital Compare?
- Answer:** ASC measures 1-4 are only from Medicare FFS claims submitted by the ASC. ASC-5 includes all patients. All web-based measures submitted by the ASC using the online submission tool via the QualityNet Secure Portal include both Medicare and non-Medicare patients. ASC-12 is claims-based and includes only Medicare FFS patients.



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**Question:** What about ASC-13 and ASC-14? Do we have to start collecting that data this January?

**Answer:** Yes, the data for ASC-13 and ASC-14 will be from the encounter period that begins on January 1, 2018 and extends through December 31, 2018. You will begin reporting this data in 2019.

**Question:** If you have three surgery centers that you want data on, can you download three at a time?

**Answer:** You would want to use the interactive section we are discussing now.

**Question:** How often are the Hospital Compare reports released?

**Answer:** For ASCs, the Hospital Compare preview reports are released annually, usually in late September or October, and include data that will be displayed on Hospital Compare in December.

**Question:** How do you imagine patients using this data on Hospital Compare?

**Answer:** We continuously review language on the ASC page in attempts to make it more consumer friendly without misrepresenting the data or measure intent.