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Welcome

Welcome to the inaugural issue of *HQR_x – Your Prescription for Successful Quality Reporting!*

We'll keep you posted on Hospital Quality Reporting (HQR) Program items of interest through this bimonthly news blast. If you have any suggestions for article topics, please contact us at inpatientsupport@viqrc1.hcqis.org.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Reminder: VTE Population and Sampling: Two Sub-Populations Only!

Beginning with January 2016, Venous Thromboembolism (VTE) Population and Sampling has two sub-populations only:

- **Principal VTE (sub-population 2)**
- **Other VTE Only (sub-population 3)**

Only cases that have either a principal diagnosis of VTE or a secondary/other diagnosis of VTE are included for reporting of the VTE population and sampling numbers for your hospital. These are the two sub-populations that meet the initial patient population rules for the remaining two VTE measures: VTE-5 (Venous Thromboembolism Discharge Instructions) and VTE-6 (Incidence of Potentially Preventable Venous Thromboembolism).

With the removal of VTE prophylaxis measures VTE-1 and VTE-2 for the calendar year 2016 reporting/fiscal year 2018 payment determination, the “No VTE” (sub-population 1) was retired. This means you no longer report the population and sampling numbers of patients who do **not** have either a principal or secondary ICD-10 diagnosis code for VTE and you no longer abstract the “No VTE” cases. Any cases submitted to the CMS Clinical Warehouse without a principal or other diagnosis of VTE will be rejected.

When entering your VTE population and sampling numbers, be sure to read the table descriptions for the VTE Population and Sampling tables in the *QualityNet Secure Portal* to ensure you enter the correct population and sampling numbers into each table. Screenshots of the tables are provided below.

Figure 1: Screenshot of VTE – Principal VTE (Sub-Population 2) Table

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Venous Thromboembolism (VTE) VTE - Principal VTE (sub-population 2) Sampling Frequency :				
Initial Inpatient Population	July	August	September	Total

Figure 2: Screenshot of VTE – Other VTE Only (Sub-Population 3) Table

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Venous Thromboembolism (VTE) VTE - Other VTE Only (sub-population 3) Sampling Frequency :				
Initial Inpatient Population	July	August	September	Total

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