

The Impact of Hospital Compare on Reimbursement: The Need for Nursing Education

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Hospital-Acquired Conditions (HACs)

- Effective October 1, 2008 hospital payment for selected HACs ceased
- The identified HACs are:
 - **Foreign object retained after surgery**
 - **Air embolism**
 - **Blood incompatibility**
 - **Pressure ulcers stage III & IV**
 - **Falls and trauma**
 - **Catheter-associated UTI**
 - **Vascular catheter-associated infection**
 - **Pulmonary embolism**

Value-Based Purchasing

- CMS begins withholding 1% October 1, 2012
- Hospitals may earn back these withheld dollars through the “Value-based purchasing” program
- 70% of earned dollars are quality (process)-based
- 30% of earned dollars are patient satisfaction-based
- How hospitals are rated is on Hospital Compare

FY 2013 Quality Measures

- AMI – Fibrinolytic Therapy within 30 minutes
- AMI- PCI within 90 minutes
- HF – Discharge instructions
- PN – Blood culture in ED prior to antibiotics
- PN – Initial antibiotic selection in immunocompromised pts
- SCIP – Antibiotic within one hour of surgery
- SCIP – Antibiotic selection for surgical pts
- SCIP – Antibiotics DCed within 24 hrs after surgery
- SCIP – Cardiac surgery pts with post-op 0600 glucose
- SCIP – Surgery pts on betablockers receive betablocker pre-op
- SCIP – VTE prophylaxis ordered

Nursing Knowledge of Hospital Compare

- <http://www.hospitalcompare.hhs.gov/>
- It is imperative that nurses know how their hospital appears on Hospital Compare

Questions?

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