PDI #17  Perforated Appendix Admission Rate

Area-Level Indicator

**Numerator**

Discharges ages 1 to 17 years with ICD-9-CM diagnosis code for perforations or abscesses of appendix in any field.

*ICD-9-CM Perforated Appendix diagnosis codes (outcome of interest):*

5400 AC APPEND W PERITONITIS
5401 ABSCESS OF APPENDIX

Exclude cases:
- transfer from other institution,
- age less than 1 year
- MDC 14 (pregnancy, childbirth, and puerperium)

See *Pediatric Quality Indicators Appendices:*
- Appendix J – Admission Codes for Transfers

**Denominator**

All non-maternal discharges ages 1 to 17 years in Metro Area or county with diagnosis code for appendicitis in any field.

*ICD-9-CM Appendicitis diagnosis codes (population at risk):*

5400 AC APPEND W PERITONITIS
5401 ABSCESS OF APPENDIX
5409 ACUTE APPENDICITIS NOS
541 APPENDICITIS NOS