

Asthma Admission Rate

Technical Specifications

Pediatric Quality Indicators #14 (PDI #14)

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Area-Level Indicator

Type of Score: Rate

Description

Admissions with a principal diagnosis of asthma per 100,000 population, ages 2 through 17 years. Excludes cases with a diagnosis code for cystic fibrosis and anomalies of the respiratory system, obstetric admissions, and transfers from other institutions.

[NOTE: The software provides the rate per population. However, common practice reports the measure as per 100,000 population. The user must multiply the rate obtained from the software by 100,000 to report admissions per 100,000 population.]

Numerator

Discharges, for patients ages 2 through 17 years, with a principal ICD-9-CM diagnosis code for asthma.

ICD-9-CM Asthma diagnosis codes:

49300	EXT ASTHMA W/O STAT ASTH	49321	CH OB ASTHMA W STAT ASTH
49301	EXT ASTHMA W STATUS ASTH	49322	CH OBS ASTH W ACUTE EXAC
49302	EXT ASTHMA W ACUTE EXAC	49381	EXERCSE IND BRONCHOSPASM
49310	INT ASTHMA W/O STAT ASTH	49382	COUGH VARIANT ASTHMA
49311	INT ASTHMA W STATUS ASTH	49390	ASTHMA W/O STATUS ASTHM
49312	INT ASTHMA W ACUTE EXAC	49391	ASTHMA W STATUS ASTHMAT
49320	CH OB ASTH W/O STAT ASTH	49392	ASTHMA W ACUTE EXACERBTN

Exclude cases:

- with any-listed ICD-9-CM diagnosis codes for cystic fibrosis and anomalies of the respiratory system
- transfer from a hospital (different facility)
- transfer from a Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) or Intermediate Care Facility (ICF)
- transfer from another health care facility
- MDC 14 (pregnancy, childbirth, and puerperium)
- with missing gender (SEX=missing), age (AGE=missing), quarter (DQTR=missing), year (YEAR=missing), principal diagnosis (DX1=missing), or county (PSTCO=missing)

See *Pediatric Quality Indicators Appendices*:

- Appendix J – Admission Codes for Transfers

ICD-9-CM Cystic fibrosis and anomalies of the respiratory system diagnosis codes:

27700	CYSTIC FIBROS W/O ILEUS
27701	CYSTIC FIBROS W ILEUS
27702	CYSTIC FIBROS W PUL MAN
27703	CYSTIC FIBROSIS W GI MAN
27709	CYSTIC FIBROSIS NEC
51661	NEUROENDOCRINE CELL HYPERPLASIA OF INFANCY
51662	PULMONARY INTERSTITIAL GLYCOGENESIS
51663	SURFACTANT MUTATIONS OF THE LUNG
51664	ALVEOLAR CAPILLARY DYSPLASIA WITH VEIN MISALIGNMENT
51669	OTHER INTERSTITIAL LUNG DISEASES OF THE CHILDHOOD
74721	ANOMALIES OF AORTIC ARCH
7483	LARYNGOTRACH ANOMALY NEC
7484	CONGENITAL CYSTIC LUNG
7485	AGENESIS OF LUNG
74860	LUNG ANOMALY NOS
74861	CONGEN BRONCHIECTASIS
74869	LUNG ANOMALY NEC
7488	RESPIRATORY ANOMALY NEC
7489	RESPIRATORY ANOMALY NOS
7503	CONG ESOPH FISTULA/ATRES
7593	SITUS INVERSUS
7707	PERINATAL CHR RESP DIS

Denominator

Population ages 2 through 17 years in metropolitan area¹ or county. Discharges in the numerator are assigned to the denominator based on the metropolitan area or county of the patient residence, not the metropolitan area or county of the hospital where the discharge occurred.

¹ The term “metropolitan area” (MA) was adopted by the U.S. Census in 1990 and referred collectively to metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs), consolidated metropolitan statistical areas (CMSAs), and primary metropolitan statistical areas (PMSAs). In addition, “area” could refer to either 1) FIPS county, 2) modified FIPS county, 3) 1999 OMB Metropolitan Statistical Area, or 4) 2003 OMB Metropolitan Statistical Area. Micropolitan Statistical Areas are not used in the QI software.