Central Venous Catheter-Related Blood Stream Infections Rate

Patient Safety Indicators #7
Technical Specifications
Provider-Level Indicator
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Numerator

Discharges with selected infections defined by specific ICD-9-CM codes and secondary diagnosis field among cases meeting the inclusion and exclusion rules for the denominator. For discharges prior to October 1, 2007:

ICD-9-CM Hospital-associated infection diagnosis codes:

99662  DUE TO OTHER VASCULAR DEVICE, IMPLANT, AND GRAFT
9993   OTHER INFECTION

For discharges on or after October 1, 2007:

ICD-9-CM Central line-associated blood stream infection diagnosis code:

99931  INFECTION DUE TO CENTRAL VENOUS CATHETER

Denominator

All surgical and medical discharges, 18 years and older or MDC 14 (pregnancy, childbirth, and puerperium), defined by specific DRGs or MS-DRGs.

See Patient Safety Indicators Appendices:
- Appendix B – Medical Discharge DRGs
- Appendix C – Medical Discharge MS-DRGs
- Appendix D – Surgical Discharge DRGs
- Appendix E – Surgical Discharge MS-DRGs

Exclude cases:
- with principal diagnosis of selected infections or secondary diagnosis present on admission
- with length of stay less than 2 days
- with any diagnosis or procedure code for immunocompromised state
- with any diagnosis of cancer
- with missing gender (SEX=missing), age (AGE=missing), quarter (DQTR=missing), year (YEAR=missing) or principal diagnosis (DX1=missing)

See Patient Safety Indicators Appendices:
- Appendix H – Cancer Diagnosis Codes
- Appendix I – Immunocompromised State Diagnosis and Procedure Codes