Accidental Puncture or Laceration Rate
Technical Specifications

Patient Safety Indicators #15 (PSI #15)
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Provider-Level Indicator
Type of Score: Rate

Description

Accidental punctures or lacerations (secondary diagnosis) during procedure per 1,000 discharges for patients ages 18 years and older. Excludes cases with accidental puncture or laceration as a principal diagnosis, cases with accidental puncture or laceration as a secondary diagnosis that is present on admission, spinal surgery cases, and obstetric cases.

[NOTE: The software provides the rate per hospital discharge. However, common practice reports the measure as per 1,000 discharges. The user must multiply the rate obtained from the software by 1,000 to report events per 1,000 hospital discharges.]

Numerator

Discharges, among cases meeting the inclusion and exclusion rules for the denominator, with any secondary ICD-9-CM diagnosis codes for accidental puncture or laceration during a procedure.

ICD-9-CM Accidental puncture or laceration during a procedure diagnosis codes:

- E8700  ACC CUT/HEM IN SURGERY
- E8701  ACC CUT/HEM IN INFUSION
- E8702  ACC CUT/HEM-PERFUSN NEC
- E8703  ACC CUT/HEM IN INJECTION
- E8704  ACC CUT/HEM W SCOPE EXAM
- E8705  ACC CUT/HEM W CATHERTIZ
- E8706  ACC CUT/HEM W HEART CATH
- E8707  ACC CUT/HEM W ENEMA
- E8708  ACC CUT IN MED CARE NEC
- E8709  ACC CUT IN MED CARE NOS
- 9982  ACCIDENTAL OP LACERATION

Denominator

Surgical and medical discharges, for patients ages 18 years and older. Surgical and medical discharges are defined by specific DRG or MS-DRG codes.

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 a principal ICD-9-CM diagnosis code (or secondary diagnosis present on admission) for accidental puncture or laceration during a procedure (see above)
- with any-listed ICD-9-CM procedure codes for spine surgery
- MDC 14 (pregnancy, childbirth, and puerperium)
- with missing gender (SEX=missing), age (AGE=missing), quarter (DQTR=missing), year (YEAR=missing), or principal diagnosis (DX1=missing)

See Patient Safety Indicator Appendices:
- Appendix L – Spine Surgery Procedure Codes