

FACT SHEET

Summary of Pneumonia Measure Changes for 10/1/09+ Discharges

- ▶ PN-6: Cases in which a patient came in with a working diagnosis of PN and did not receive any antibiotics within 24 hours after hospital arrival will now fail the measure.
- ▶ PN-3b: The rationale changed to reflect that the measure only looks at ED patients.

Table 1-1. Summary of new changes in abstraction and changes provided for clarification only.

Data Element	New or Clarification	Change
Adult Smoking History	New	<p>Allowable Value Yes: Any definitive documentation that the patient either currently smokes or is an ex-smoker that quit less than one year ago, select “Yes,” regardless of other documentation.</p> <p>Allowable Value No: If there is NO definitive documentation of current smoking or smoking within the past year select “No.”</p>
Antibiotic Administration Date/Route	New	Bullet regarding only using narrative charting if no other documentation was available was removed from Notes for Abstraction.
Antibiotic Administration Time	New	Bullet regarding only using narrative charting if no other documentation was available was removed from Notes for Abstraction
Blood Culture Collected	New	Direct admit patients with blood cultures performed prior to arrival and within 24 hours after arrival, select value 2
Chest X-Ray	Clarification	If chest x-ray or CT is mentioned without documentation of the date performed, assume it was during the current hospitalization.

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Comfort Measures Only	New	Disregard any documentation with an inclusion term used in a negative context.
Compromised	Clarification	Any physician documentation of a 'possible' inclusion (except corticosteroids) will abstract as Yes, unless ruled out within 24 hours.
Diagnostic Uncertainty	Clarification	Documentation must be for delay of pneumonia diagnosis, not delay of antibiotic administration.
Pneumonia Diagnosis: ED/Direct Admit	Clarification	Initial progress note cannot be used for PN diagnosis unless it has admission information.

For a complete list of changes please see the “Release Notes,” located in the Specifications Manual for National Hospital Inpatient Quality Measures for discharges 10/1/2009. The manual can be found at

<http://www.qualitynet.org/dcs/ContentServer?cid=1192804535739&pagename=QnetPublic%2FPage%2FQnetTier3&c=Page>

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