

**Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)
Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting (IQR) Program
Healthcare Associated Infection (HAI) Exception Form**

This exception must be renewed at least annually.

Specify the calendar year and applicable quarter(s) for the specified National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) HAI Measure exception request(s).

* Indicates required fields

***HAI Measure Exception Information** (The exception(s) you are requesting must be selected.)

Select all that apply.

<input type="checkbox"/> Catheter-Associated Urinary Tract Infection (CAUTI) Select this option if the hospital has no Adult or Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (ICU) locations.	Calendar Year <input style="width: 60px;" type="text"/> <input type="checkbox"/> January 1 through March 31 <input type="checkbox"/> April 1 through June 30 <input type="checkbox"/> July 1 through September 30 <input type="checkbox"/> October 1 through December 31
<input type="checkbox"/> Central Line-Associated Bloodstream Infection (CLABSI) Select this option if the hospital has no Adult, Pediatric or Neonatal Intensive Care Unit locations.	Calendar Year <input style="width: 60px;" type="text"/> <input type="checkbox"/> January 1 through March 31 <input type="checkbox"/> April 1 through June 30 <input type="checkbox"/> July 1 through September 30 <input type="checkbox"/> October 1 through December 31
<input type="checkbox"/> Surgical Site Infection (SSI) Select this option if the hospital performed a combined total of 9 or fewer colon surgeries and abdominal hysterectomies in the calendar year prior to the reporting year.	Calendar Year prior to Reporting Year <input style="width: 60px;" type="text"/> Number of procedures performed <input style="width: 60px;" type="text"/> Exclusion requested for Calendar Year <input style="width: 60px;" type="text"/>

***I have reviewed NHSN definitions for (select all that apply):**

- ICU locations
 Neonatal ICU locations
 Specified colon surgery and abdominal hysterectomy

An intensive care unit (ICU) is defined as:

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)-defined designation given to a patient care area housing patients who have similar disease conditions or who are receiving care for similar medical or surgical specialties. Each facility location that is monitored is "mapped" to one CDC Location. The specific CDC Location code is determined by the type of patients cared for in that area according to the 80% Rule. That is, if **80%** or more of the area's patients are of a certain type (e.g., intensive care unit patients) then the area is designated as that type of location (in this case, an intensive care unit).

Conversely, if fewer than 80% of the patients in any hospital unit do not receive intensive observation, diagnosis, and therapeutic procedures for critical illness, i.e. are not ICU patients, then the hospital by definition has no ICU and is eligible to complete the "Healthcare Associated Infection (HAI) Exception" form consistent with CDC's "80% Rule" and CMS Hospital IQR policy guidance.

Specified colon and abdominal hysterectomy surgical procedures:

Only hospitals that performed 9 or fewer of any of the specified colon surgeries **and** abdominal hysterectomies combined in the calendar year prior to the reporting year. The **NHSN Operative Procedure Category Mappings to International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-9-CM) Codes** (Table 1 extract) is located on the *NHSN* website.

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Additional Comments