National Hospital Care Survey: Variables for Inpatient Discharges



Your hospital can participate in the National Hospital Care Survey by submitting electronic health record (EHR) information in one of two ways:

- 1. A standardized minimum data set of *Patient Encounter-Based* data such as ONE of the following:
 - Continuity of Care Document (CCD)
 - Transition of Care Summary
 - Discharge Summary

OR:

- 2. Data extracted from your hospital's EHR or data repository consisting of:
 - a. Needed data elements related to a patient visit
 - b. A small set of Patient Encounter-Based personal identifiable information (PHI)
 - c. If available, "Like to Have" data elements related to a patient visit

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2. Data Elements extracted from your organization's EHR or data repository

a. Needed data elements related to a patient visit:

- 1. Date of birth
- 2. Sex
- 3. Date of admission and discharge
- 4. Encounter number
- 5. Admission diagnosis
- 6. All other diagnoses including E codes and V codes
- 7. Provided or Ordered during the inpatient stay:
 - O Diagnostic testing (e.g., lab, imaging, EKG, audiometry, biopsy)
 - O Therapeutic procedures, including surgery, and non-medication treatments (e.g. physical therapy, speech therapy, home health care)
- 8. Results of testing or procedures provided or ordered during the admission, as many as are available
- 9. Medications on admission, during hospital stay and at discharge
- 10. Priority of admission
- 11. Source of admission (e.g. emergency room)
- 12. Discharge disposition
- 13. Present on Admission (POA) flags for diagnoses

b. PHI:

- Name
- Address including zip code
- SSN and Medicare number
- Patient's medical record number

c. "Like to Have" data elements related to a patient visit IF they are readily obtainable:

- NPIs of physicians
- Race
- Ethnicity
- Marital Status
- Source(s) of payment
- Any ICU, NICU or CCU use and number of days of care
- Height
- Weight
- Clinician notes (e.g., physicians', nurses', P.A.s', N.P.s' and C.N.M.s' notes)

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Attachment G: List of Variables for EHR Extraction of Inpatient Discharges

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