

Follow-up with a doctor within 7 days of discharge following hospitalization for congestive heart failure (CHF)

Alternate Name*

Percentage of patients who saw a family doctor or specialist within 7 days of discharge after hospitalization for congestive heart failure (CHF)

INDICATOR DESCRIPTION

Description*

Percentage of follow-up visits with a doctor within 7 days of discharge after hospitalization for congestive heart failure (CHF) among patients aged 40 and older. A higher percentage is better.

HQO Reporting tool/product

Public reporting

Dimension*

Effective

Timely

Type*

Process

DEFINITION AND SOURCE INFORMATION

Unit of Measurement*

Percentage

Calculation Methods*

The percentage is calculated as: numerator divided by the denominator times 100

Numerator (short description i.e. not inclusions/exclusions)*

The number of patients in the denominator discharged from acute care hospitals after an admission for congestive heart failure (CHF) who had at least one physician visit within 7 days after discharge.

Denominator (short description i.e. not inclusions/exclusions)*

The number of patients aged 40 and older discharged from hospital after an admission for congestive heart failure (CHF)

Adjustment (risk, age/sex standardization)- generalized

Age and sex standardized

Data Source

Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) Claims History Database
Registered Persons Database (RPDB)
Physician Database (IPDB)
Discharge Abstract Database (DAD)

Data provided to HQO by

Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences (ICES)

Reported Levels of comparability /stratifications (defined)

Time
Region

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

Caveats and Limitations

The indicator captures a visit with a doctor for any reason and may not necessarily have the same reason as the hospitalization. Follow up by non-physician providers (i.e., nurse practitioners in family health teams) or providers that do not provide billing or shadow billing will not be captured. It is hard to interpret the results as there is some variation in recommended time period for the follow-up (ranging from one week to one month).

Comments Summary

The admissions are unique by episode (one patient can have more than one admission during the fiscal year).

TAGS

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Primary Care
Process
Access
Chronic Disease
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