Perioperative Care Measures Group

*This measures group is to be reported **each time** a surgical procedure with the indications for a prophylactic antibiotic (including first or second generation cephalosporin) and VTE prophylaxis is performed for patients aged 18 years and older.*

You will need to report G-code G8492 once to indicate your intent to report on the Perioperative Care Measures Group. Once you have reported the G-code, you should begin reporting using one of the patient sample methods listed below.

The following 2009 PQRI measures are included in the Perioperative Care Measures Group:

#20. Timing of Antibiotic Prophylaxis — Ordering Physician

Measure Description:

Percentage of surgical patients aged 18 years and older undergoing procedures with the indications for prophylactic parenteral antibiotics, who have an order for prophylactic antibiotic to be given within one hour (if fluoroquinolone or vancomycin, two hours), prior to the surgical incision (or start of procedure when no incision is required)

#21. Selection of Prophylactic Antibiotic — First OR Second Generation Cephalosporin

Measure Description

Percentage of surgical patients aged 18 years and older undergoing procedures with the indications for a first OR second generation cephalosporin prophylactic antibiotic, who had an order for cefazolin OR cefuroxime for antimicrobial prophylaxis

#22. Discontinuation of Prophylactic Antibiotics (Non-Cardiac Procedures)

Measure Description

Percentage of non-cardiac surgical patients aged 18 years and older undergoing procedures with the indications for prophylactic antibiotics AND who received a prophylactic antibiotic, who have an order for discontinuation of prophylactic antibiotics within 24 hours of surgical end time

#23. Venous Thromboembolism (VTE) Prophylaxis (When Indicated in ALL Patients)

Measure Description

Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older undergoing procedures for which VTE prophylaxis is indicated in all patients, who had an order for Low Molecular Weight Heparin (LMWH), Low-Dose Unfractionated Heparin (LDUH), adjusted-dose warfarin, fondaparinux or mechanical prophylaxis to be given within 24 hours prior to incision time or within 24 hours after surgery end time

This measures group can be reported by one of the following patient sample methods:

- ***Consecutive Patient Sample Method*** — 30 consecutive patients meeting patient sample criteria for the measures group.
- ***80% Patient Sample Method*** — All patients meeting patient sample criteria for the measures group during the entire reporting period (January 1 through December 31, 2009 OR July 1 through December 31, 2009). For the 12-month reporting period, a minimum of 30 patients must meet the measures group patient sample criteria to successfully report. For the six-month reporting period, a minimum of 15 patients must meet the measures group patient sample criteria to successfully report.