PQI #2 Perforated Appendix Admission Rate

Numerator

Discharges with ICD-9-CM diagnosis code for perforations or abscesses of appendix in any field among cases meeting the inclusion rules for the denominator.

Include ICD-9-CM diagnosis codes (outcome of interest):

5400	AC APPEND W PERITONITIS	5401	ABSCESS OF APPENDIX

Exclude cases:

- transfer from a hospital (different facility)
- transfer from a skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) or Intermediate Care Facility (ICF)
- transfer from another health care facility
- MDC 14 (pregnancy, childbirth, and puerperium)

Denominator

All non-maternal discharges of age 18 years and older in Metro Area or county with diagnosis code for appendicitis in any field.

Include ICD-9-CM diagnosis codes (population at risk):

5400	AC APPEND W PERITONITIS	5409	ACUTE APPENDICITIS NOS
5401	ABSCESS OF APPENDIX	541	APPENDICITIS NOS