

Prevention Quality Indicator 08 (PQI 08) Heart Failure Admission Rate

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Area-Level Indicator

Type of Score: Rate

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DESCRIPTION

Hospitalizations with a principal diagnosis of heart failure per 100,000 population, ages 18 years and older. Excludes hospitalizations with cardiac procedure, obstetric hospitalizations, and transfers from other institutions.

[NOTE: The software provides the rate per population. However, common practice reports the measure as per 100,000 population. The user must multiply the rate obtained from the software by 100,000 to report hospitalizations per 100,000 population.]

NUMERATOR

Hospital discharges for patients ages 18 years and older with a principal ICD-10-CM diagnosis code for heart failure (**MRTCHFD***).

[NOTE: Obstetric discharges are not included in the PQI rate for PQI 08, though the AHRQ QI software does not explicitly exclude obstetric cases. By definition, discharges with a principal diagnosis of heart failure exclude obstetric discharges, because the principal diagnosis for an obstetric discharge would identify it as obstetric, and no such diagnoses are included in the set of qualifying diagnoses.]

NUMERATOR EXCLUSIONS

Exclude discharges:

- with any listed ICD-10-PCS procedure codes for cardiac procedure (**Appendix B : ACSCARP**)
- with admission source for transferred from a different hospital or other health care facility (**Appendix A**) (UB04 Admission source - 2, 3)
- with a point of origin code for transfer from a hospital, skilled nursing facility (SNF) or intermediate care facility (ICF), or other healthcare facility (**Appendix A**) (UB04 Point of Origin -4, 5, 6)
- with an ungroupable DRG (DRG=999)
- with missing gender (SEX=missing), age (AGE=missing), quarter (DQTR=missing), year (YEAR=missing), principal diagnosis (DX1=missing), or county (PSTCO=missing)

[Appendix A - Admission Codes for Transfers](#)

[Appendix B - Cardiac Procedure Codes](#)

DENOMINATOR

Population ages 18 years and older in metropolitan area¹ or county. Discharges in the numerator are assigned to the denominator based on the metropolitan area or county of the patient residence, not the metropolitan area or county of the hospital where the discharge occurred.

¹ The term “metropolitan area” (MA) was adopted by the U.S. Census in 1990 and referred collectively to metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs), consolidated metropolitan statistical areas (CMSAs) and primary metropolitan statistical areas (PMSAs). In addition, “area” could refer to either 1) FIPS county, 2) modified FIPS county, 3) 1999 OMB Metropolitan Statistical Area or 4) 2003 OMB Metropolitan Statistical Area. Micropolitan Statistical Areas are not used in the AHRQ QI software.

*See below for code list

Heart failure diagnosis codes: (MRTCHFD)

I0981	Rheumatic heart failure	I5041	Acute combined systolic (congestive) and diastolic (congestive) heart failure
I110	Hypertensive heart disease with heart failure	I5042	Chronic combined systolic (congestive) and diastolic (congestive) heart failure
I130	Hypertensive heart and chronic kidney disease with heart failure and stage 1 through stage 4 chronic kidney disease, or unspecified chronic kidney disease	I5043	Acute on chronic combined systolic (congestive) and diastolic (congestive) heart failure
I132	Hypertensive heart and chronic kidney disease with heart failure and with stage 5 chronic kidney disease, or end stage renal disease	I50810	Right heart failure, unspecified
I501	Left ventricular failure, unspecified	I50811	Acute right heart failure
I5020	Unspecified systolic (congestive) heart failure	I50812	Chronic right heart failure
I5021	Acute systolic (congestive) heart failure	I50813	Acute on chronic right heart failure
I5022	Chronic systolic (congestive) heart failure	I50814	Right heart failure due to left heart failure
I5023	Acute on chronic systolic (congestive) heart failure	I5082	Biventricular heart failure
I5030	Unspecified diastolic (congestive) heart failure	I5083	High output heart failure
I5031	Acute diastolic (congestive) heart failure	I5084	End stage heart failure
I5032	Chronic diastolic (congestive) heart failure	I5089	Other heart failure
I5033	Acute on chronic diastolic (congestive) heart failure	I509	Heart failure, unspecified
I5040	Unspecified combined systolic (congestive) and diastolic (congestive) heart failure		