



PSI #24 Postoperative Wound Dehiscence

Area-Level Indicator

Numerator

Discharges age 18 and older with ICD-9-CM code for reclosure of postoperative disruption of abdominal wall procedure.

ICD-9-CM Reclosure procedure code:

5461 RECLOSURE OF POSTOPERATIVE
DISRUPTION OF ABDOMINAL WALL

Exclude cases:

- with any diagnosis or procedure code for immunocompromised state
- MDC 14 (pregnancy, childbirth, and puerperium).

See *Patient Safety Indicators Appendices*:

- Appendix I – Immunocompromised State Diagnosis and Procedure Codes

Denominator

Population of county or Metro Area¹ associated with FIPS code of patient's residence or hospital location.

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 3) 2003 OMB Metropolitan Statistical Area. Micropolitan Statistical Areas are not used in the QI software.