



## **Patient Safety Indicator 05 (PSI 05) Retained Surgical Item or Unretrieved Device Fragment Count**

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**Provider-Level Indicator**

**Type of Score: Count**

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### **DESCRIPTION**

The number of hospital discharges with a retained surgical item or unretrieved device fragment (secondary diagnosis) among surgical and medical patients ages 18 years and older or obstetric patients. Excludes cases with principal diagnosis of retained surgical item or unretrieved device fragment and cases with a secondary diagnosis of retained surgical item or unretrieved device fragment present on admission.

**NUMERATOR**

Surgical and medical discharges, for patients ages 18 years and older or MDC 14 (pregnancy, childbirth, and puerperium), with any secondary ICD-9-CM diagnosis codes for retained surgical item or unretrieved device fragment. Surgical and medical discharges are defined by specific MS-DRG codes.

[Appendix C - Medical Discharge MS-DRGs \(for discharges on or after October 1, 2007\)](#)

[Appendix E - Surgical Discharge MS-DRGs \(for discharges on or after October 1, 2007\)](#)

***Retained surgical item or unretrieved device fragment diagnosis codes: (FOREIID)***

9984	Foreign body accidentally left during a procedure	9987	Acute reaction to foreign substance accidentally left during a procedure
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## **NUMERATOR EXCLUSIONS**

Exclude cases:

- with a principal ICD-9-CM diagnosis code (or secondary diagnosis present on admission) for retained surgical item or unretrieved device fragment (see above)
- with missing gender (SEX=missing), age (AGE=missing), quarter (DQTR=missing), year (YEAR=missing), or principal diagnosis (DX1=missing)