

Foreign Object Left in After Surgery

NQF#: Not NQF Endorsed	
Developer: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)	
Data Source: CMS Hospital Compare	
Description: Discharges with foreign body accidentally left in during procedure per 1,000 discharges.	
Numerator: Number of occurrences of the following diagnosis codes coded as a secondary diagnosis (diagnoses 2-9 on a claim) with a POA code of 'N' or 'U': <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · 998.4 · 998.7 	
Denominator: Number of acute inpatient surgical discharges. Surgical claims are identified following AHRQ criteria for patient safety indicators (PSIs).	
Impact: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Rare event 	
Opportunity: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Opportunity for improvement exists, based on the coefficient of variation for the measure. 	
Evidence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Evidence ratings vary from Class C to Class R <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Class C: Non-randomized trial with concurrent or historical controls, case-control study, study of sensitivity and specificity of a diagnostic test, population-based descriptive study · Class D: cross-sectional study, case series, case report · Class R: consensus statement, consensus report, narrative review 	
Citations for Evidence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Institute for Clinical Systems Improvement (ICSI). Prevention of Unintentionally Retained Foreign Objects in Surgery. Health Care Protocol. Bloomington (MN): Institute for Clinical Systems Improvement (ICSI); 2007 Sep. 	
Leapfrog Measure Scores	
Evidence Score:	1, based on rating from expert panel on patient safety
Opportunity Score:	2.9890, based on the coefficient of variation for the measure
Impact Score:	2, based on the number of patients affected and severity of harm
Overall Weight:	5.5%

http://www.qualityforum.org/.../2nd_Draft_Report_for_Comment.aspx

http://www.icsi.org/home/retained_foreign_objects_in_surgery_prevention_of_unintentionally_protocol_21475.html