### Foreign Object Retained After Surgery

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<td>Developer: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)</td>
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**Description:** Rate of foreign objects retained after surgery. CMS reports the DRA HAC measures as observed rates (per 1,000 discharges). CMS divides the count of observed HAC occurrences identified at a hospital (numerator) by the number of eligible discharges at that hospital (denominator) and multiplies by 1,000. HAC occurrences are included in the DRA HAC numerator only if they are associated with the POA Indicator codes “N” or “U.” DRA HAC measures do not exclude any HACs based on how they occurred. More information is available at [https://www.cms.gov/files/document/frequently-asked-questions-publicly-reported-deficit-reduction-act-dra-hospital-acquired-condition.pdf](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/frequently-asked-questions-publicly-reported-deficit-reduction-act-dra-hospital-acquired-condition.pdf).

**Citations for Rationale:**

**Impact:**
- Rare event

**Opportunity:**
- Opportunity for improvement exists, based on the coefficient of variation for the measure.

**Evidence:**
- Evidence ratings vary from Class C to Class R
  - 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:**