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eMeasures for Public Comment

113 eMeasures are open for a 60-day Public and Member comment period through April 1 at 6:00 pm ET.

NQF seeks:

- General comments on eMeasures;
- Comments on eMeasures components (i.e., denominator, codelist, etc.); and
- Comments on potential substantive changes to the intent and meaning of the originally endorsed measure during the retooling process.

Comments regarding potential substantive changes will be reviewed by the eMeasure Format Review Panel. In 2010, the Panel completed evaluation of 16 eMeasures for substantive change. These measures are marked with an asterisk (*). The Review Panel will evaluate the 97 remaining eMeasures in 2011.

NQF #:	0001
MEASURE TITLE:	Asthma Assessment
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	Percentage of patients aged 5 through 40 years with a diagnosis of asthma who were evaluated during at least one office visit within 12 months for the frequency (numeric) of daytime and nocturnal asthma symptoms.
NQF #:	0002
MEASURE TITLE:	Appropriate Testing for Children with Pharyngitis
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	The percentage of children 2-18 years of age who were diagnosed with Pharyngitis, dispensed an antibiotic and received a group A streptococcus (strep) test for the episode.
NQF #:	0004
MEASURE TITLE:	Initiation and Engagement of Alcohol and Other Drug Dependence Treatment: (a) Initiation, (b) Engagement
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	The percentage of adolescent and adult patients with a new episode of alcohol and other drug (AOD) dependence who initiate treatment through an inpatient AOD admission, outpatient visit, intensive outpatient encounter or partial hospitalization within 14 days of the diagnosis and who initiated treatment and who had two or more additional services with an AOD diagnosis within 30 days of the initial visit.
NQF #:	0012
MEASURE TITLE:	Prenatal Care: Screening for Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	Percentage of patients, regardless of age, who gave birth during a 12-month period who were screened for HIV infection during the first or second prenatal visit.
NQF #:	0013
MEASURE TITLE:	Hypertension: Blood Pressure Measurement
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	Percentage of patient visits for patients aged 18 years and older with a diagnosis of hypertension with blood pressure (BP) recorded.

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NQF #:	0014
MEASURE TITLE:	Prenatal Care: Anti-D Immune Globulin
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	Percentage of D(Rh) negative, unsensitized patients, regardless of age, who gave birth during a 12-month period who received anti-D immune globulin at 26-30 weeks gestation.
NQF #:	0018
MEASURE TITLE:	Controlling High Blood Pressure
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	The percentage of patients 18-85 years of age who had a diagnosis of hypertension and whose BP was adequately controlled during the measurement year. <i>*Reviewed for substantive changes by the eMeasure Format Review Panel in 2010</i>
NQF #:	0022
MEASURE TITLE:	Drugs to be avoided in the elderly: a. Patients who receive at least one drug to be avoided, b. Patients who receive at least two different drugs to be avoided
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	Percentage of patients ages 65 years and older who received at least one drug to be avoided in the elderly in the measurement year. Percentage of patients 65 years of age and older who received at least two different drugs to be avoided in the elderly in the measurement year.
NQF #:	0024
MEASURE TITLE:	Weight Assessment and Counseling for Children and Adolescents
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	The percentage of patients 2-17 years of age who had an outpatient visit with a PCP or OB/GYN and who had evidence of BMI percentile documentation, counseling for nutrition and counseling for physical activity during the measurement year.
NQF #:	0027
MEASURE TITLE:	Smoking and Tobacco Use Cessation, Medical assistance: a. Advising Smokers and Tobacco Users to Quit, b. Discussing Smoking and Tobacco Use Cessation Medications, c. Discussing Smoking and Tobacco Use Cessation Strategies
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	The percentage of patients 18 years of age and older who were current smokers or tobacco users, who were seen by a practitioner during the measurement year and who received advice to quit smoking or tobacco use or whose practitioner recommended or discussed smoking or tobacco use cessation medications, methods or strategies. <i>*Reviewed for substantive changes by the eMeasure Format Review Panel in 2010</i>
NQF #:	0028a
MEASURE TITLE:	Preventive Care and Screening Measure Pair: a. Tobacco Use Assessment
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	Percentage of patients aged 18 years or older who have been seen for at least 2 office visits, who were queried about tobacco use one or more times within 24 months. <i>*Reviewed for substantive changes by the eMeasure Format Review Panel in 2010</i>

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NQF #:	0028b
MEASURE TITLE:	Preventive Care and Screening Measure Pair: b. Tobacco Cessation Intervention
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older identified as tobacco users within the past 24 months and have been seen for at least 2 office visits, who received cessation intervention. <i>*Reviewed for substantive changes by the eMeasure Format Review Panel in 2010</i>
NQF #:	0031
MEASURE TITLE:	Breast Cancer Screening
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	The percentage of women 40-69 years of age who had a mammogram to screen for breast cancer. <i>*Reviewed for substantive changes by the eMeasure Format Review Panel in 2010</i>
NQF #:	0032
MEASURE TITLE:	Cervical Cancer Screening
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	The percentage of women 21-63 years of age who received one or more Pap tests to screen for cervical cancer.
NQF #:	0033
MEASURE TITLE:	Chlamydia Screening for Women
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	The percentage of women 15-24 years of age who were identified as sexually active and who had at least one test for chlamydia during the measurement year.
NQF #:	0034
MEASURE TITLE:	Colorectal Cancer Screening
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	The percentage of adults 50-75 years of age who had appropriate screening for colorectal cancer. <i>*Reviewed for substantive changes by the eMeasure Format Review Panel in 2010</i>
NQF #:	0036
MEASURE TITLE:	Use of Appropriate Medications for Asthma
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	The percentage of patients 5-50 years of age during the measurement year who were identified as having persistent asthma and were appropriately prescribed medication during the measurement year.
NQF #:	0038
MEASURE TITLE:	Childhood immunization Status
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	The percentage of children 2 years of age who had four diphtheria, tetanus and acellular pertussis (DTaP); three polio (IPV); one measles, mumps and rubella (MMR); two H influenza type B (HIB); three hepatitis B (Hep B), one chicken pox (VZV); four pneumococcal conjugate (PCV); two hepatitis A (Hep A); two or three rotavirus (RV); and two influenza (flu) vaccines by their second birthday. The percentage of children 2 years of age who had the complete series of vaccines by 2 years of age. There are 12 rates calculated for this measure 10 for the individual immunizations and 2 for the series of immunizations.

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NQF #:	0041
MEASURE TITLE:	Preventive Care and Screening: Influenza Immunization for Patients >= 50 Years Old
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	Percentage of patients aged 50 years and older who received an influenza immunization during the flu season (September through February).
NQF #:	0043
MEASURE TITLE:	Pneumonia Vaccination Status for Older Adults
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	The percentage of patients 65 years of age and older who have ever received a pneumococcal vaccine. <i>*Reviewed for substantive changes by the eMeasure Format Review Panel in 2010</i>
NQF #:	0045
MEASURE TITLE:	Osteoporosis: Communication with the Physician Managing Ongoing Care Post-Fracture of Hip, Spine or Distal Radius for Men and Women Aged 50 Years and Older
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	Percentage of patients aged 50 years and older treated for a hip, spine, or distal radial fracture with documentation of communication with the physician managing the patient's on-going care that a fracture occurred and that the patient was or should be tested or treated for osteoporosis.
NQF #:	0046
MEASURE TITLE:	Osteoporosis: Screening or Therapy for Osteoporosis for Women Aged 65 Years and Older
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	Percentage of female patients aged 65 years and older who have a central dual-energy X-ray absorptiometry measurement ordered or performed at least once since age 60 or pharmacologic therapy prescribed within 12 months.
NQF #:	0047
MEASURE TITLE:	Asthma Pharmacologic Therapy
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	Percentage of patients aged 5 through 40 years with a diagnosis of mild, moderate, or severe persistent asthma who were prescribed either the preferred long-term control medication (inhaled corticosteroid) or an acceptable alternative treatment.
NQF #:	0048
MEASURE TITLE:	Osteoporosis: Management Following Fracture of Hip, Spine or Distal radius for Men and Women Aged 50 Years and Older
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	Percentage of patients aged 50 years or older with fracture of the hip, spine or distal radius that had a central dual-energy X-ray absorptiometry measurement ordered or performed or pharmacologic therapy prescribed.
NQF #:	0049
MEASURE TITLE:	Osteoporosis: Pharmacologic Therapy for Men and Women Aged 50 Years and Older
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	Percentage of patients aged 50 years and older with a diagnosis of osteoporosis who were prescribed pharmacologic therapy within 12 months.

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NQF #:	0051
MEASURE TITLE:	Osteoarthritis: assessment for use of anti-inflammatory or analgesic over-the-counter (OTC) medications
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	Percentage of patient visits for patients aged 21 years and older with a diagnosis of OA with an assessment for use of anti-inflammatory or analgesic OTC medications.
NQF #:	0052
MEASURE TITLE:	Low Back Pain: Use of Imaging Studies
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	The percentage of patients with a primary diagnosis of low back pain who did not have an imaging study (plain X-ray, MRI, CT scan) within 28 days of diagnosis.
NQF #:	0055
MEASURE TITLE:	Diabetes: Eye Exam
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	The percentage of patients 18-75 years of age with diabetes (type 1 or type 2) who had a retinal or dilated eye exam or a negative retinal exam (no evidence of retinopathy) by an eye care professional.
NQF #:	0056
MEASURE TITLE:	Diabetes: Foot Exam
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	The percentage of patients aged 18-75 years with diabetes (type 1 or type 2) who had a foot exam (visual inspection, sensory exam with monofilament, or pulse exam).
NQF #:	0059
MEASURE TITLE:	Diabetes: HbA1c Poor Control
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	The percentage of patients 18-75 years of age with diabetes (type 1 or type 2) who had HbA1c > 9.0%. <i>*Reviewed for substantive changes by the eMeasure Format Review Panel in 2010</i>
NQF #:	0060
MEASURE TITLE:	Hemoglobin A1c Test for Pediatric Patients
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	Percentage of pediatric patients with diabetes with a HbA1c test in a 12-month measurement period.
NQF #:	0061
MEASURE TITLE:	Diabetes: Blood Pressure Management
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	The percentage of patients 18-75 years of age with diabetes (type 1 or type 2) who had BP < 140/90 mmHg. <i>*Reviewed for substantive changes by the eMeasure Format Review Panel in 2010</i>
NQF #:	0062
MEASURE TITLE:	Diabetes: Urine Screening
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	The percentage of patients 18-75 years of age with diabetes (type 1 or type 2) who had a nephropathy screening test or evidence of nephropathy.
NQF #:	0064
MEASURE TITLE:	Diabetes: LDL Management & Control
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	The percentage of patients 18-75 years of age with diabetes (type 1 or type 2) who had LDL-C <100mg/dL. <i>*Reviewed for substantive changes by the eMeasure Format Review Panel in 2010</i>

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MEASURE TITLE:	Coronary Artery Disease (CAD): Angiotensin-Converting Enzyme (ACE) Inhibitor or Angiotensin Receptor Blocker (ARB) Therapy for Patients with CAD and Diabetes and/or Left Ventricular Systolic Dysfunction (LVSD)
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with a diagnosis of CAD who also have diabetes and/or left ventricular systolic dysfunction (LVSD) who were prescribed ACE Inhibitor or ARB therapy.
NQF #:	0067
MEASURE TITLE:	Coronary Artery Disease (CAD): Oral Antiplatelet Therapy Prescribed for Patients with CAD
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with a diagnosis of CAD who were prescribed oral antiplatelet therapy.
NQF #:	0068
MEASURE TITLE:	Ischemic Vascular Disease (IVD): Use of Aspirin or another Antithrombotic
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	The percentage of patients 18 years of age and older who were discharged alive for acute myocardial infarction (AMI), coronary artery bypass graft (CABG) or percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty (PTCA) from January 1 - November 1 of the year prior to the measurement year, or who had a diagnosis of ischemic vascular disease (IVD) during the measurement year and the year prior to the measurement year and who had documentation of use of aspirin or another antithrombotic during the measurement year. <i>*Reviewed for substantive changes by the eMeasure Format Review Panel in 2010</i>
NQF #:	0069
MEASURE TITLE:	Treatment for Children with Upper Respiratory Infection (URI): Avoidance of Inappropriate Use
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	Percentage of children who were given a diagnosis of URI and were not dispensed an antibiotic prescription on or three days after the episode date.
NQF #:	0070
MEASURE TITLE:	Coronary Artery Disease (CAD): Beta-Blocker Therapy for CAD Patients with Prior Myocardial Infarction (MI)
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with a diagnosis of CAD and prior MI who were prescribed beta-blocker therapy. <i>*Reviewed for substantive changes by the eMeasure Format Review Panel in 2010</i>
NQF #:	0073
MEASURE TITLE:	Ischemic Vascular Disease (IVD): Blood Pressure Management
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	The percentage of patients 18 years of age and older who were discharged alive for acute myocardial infarction (AMI), coronary artery bypass graft (CABG) or percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty (PTCA) from January 1 st to November 1 st of the year prior to the measurement year, or who had a diagnosis of ischemic vascular disease (IVD) during the measurement year and the year prior to the measurement year and whose most recent blood pressure is in control (<140/90 mmHg).

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NQF #:	0074
MEASURE TITLE:	Coronary Artery Disease (CAD): Drug Therapy for Lowering LDL-Cholesterol
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with a diagnosis of CAD who were prescribed a lipid-lowering therapy (based on current ACC/AHA guidelines).
NQF #:	0075
MEASURE TITLE:	Ischemic Vascular Disease (IVD): Complete Lipid Panel and LDL Control
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	The percentage of patients 18 years of age and older who were discharged alive for acute myocardial infarction (AMI), coronary artery bypass graft (CABG) or percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty (PTCA) from January 1st to November 1st of the year prior to the measurement year, or who had a diagnosis of ischemic vascular disease (IVD) during the measurement year and the year prior to the measurement year and who had a complete lipid profile performed during the measurement year and whose LDL-C was < 100 mg/dL. <i>*Reviewed for substantive changes by the eMeasure Format Review Panel in 2010</i>
NQF #:	0081
MEASURE TITLE:	Heart Failure (HF): Angiotensin-Converting Enzyme (ACE) Inhibitor or Angiotensin Receptor Blocker (ARB) Therapy for Left Ventricular Systolic Dysfunction (LVSD)
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with a diagnosis of heart failure and LVSD (LVEF < 40%) who were prescribed ACE inhibitor or ARB therapy. <i>*Reviewed for substantive changes by the eMeasure Format Review Panel in 2010</i>
NQF #:	0083
MEASURE TITLE:	Heart Failure (HF): Beta-Blocker Therapy for Left Ventricular Systolic Dysfunction (LVSD)
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with a diagnosis of heart failure who also have LVSD (LVEF < 40%) and who were prescribed beta-blocker therapy.
NQF #:	0084
MEASURE TITLE:	Heart Failure (HF) : Warfarin Therapy Patients with Atrial Fibrillation
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	Percentage of all patients aged 18 and older with a diagnosis of heart failure and paroxysmal or chronic atrial fibrillation who were prescribed warfarin therapy.
NQF #:	0086
MEASURE TITLE:	Primary Open Angle Glaucoma (POAG): Optic Nerve Evaluation
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with a diagnosis of POAG who have been seen for at least 2 office visits, who have an optic nerve head evaluation during one or more office visits within 12 months.
NQF #:	0088
MEASURE TITLE:	Diabetic Retinopathy: Documentation of Presence or Absence of Macular Edema and Level of Severity of Retinopathy
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with a diagnosis of diabetic retinopathy who had a dilated macular or fundus exam performed which included documentation of the level of severity of retinopathy and the presence or absence of macular edema during one or more office visits within 12 months.

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NQF #:	0089
MEASURE TITLE:	Diabetic Retinopathy: Communication with the Physician Managing Ongoing Diabetes Care
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with a diagnosis of diabetic retinopathy who had a dilated macular or fundus exam performed with documented communication to the physician who manages the on-going care of the patient with diabetes mellitus regarding the findings of the macular or fundus exam at least once within 12 months.
NQF #:	0097
MEASURE TITLE:	Medication Reconciliation
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	Percentage of patients aged 65 years and older discharged from any inpatient facility (e.g. hospital, skilled nursing facility, or rehabilitation facility) and seen within 60 days following discharge in the office by the physician providing on-going care who had a reconciliation of the discharge medications with the current medication list in the medical record documented.
NQF #:	0102
MEASURE TITLE:	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD): Bronchodilator Therapy
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	Percentage of symptomatic patients aged 18 years and older with a diagnosis of COPD who were prescribed an inhaled bronchodilator.
NQF #:	0103
MEASURE TITLE:	Major Depressive Disorder (MDD): Diagnostic Evaluation
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	Percentage of patients with a diagnosis of major depressive disorder who met the DSM-IV [™] criteria during the visit in which the new diagnosis or recurrent episode was identified.
NQF #:	0104
MEASURE TITLE:	Major Depressive Disorder (MDD): Suicide Risk Assessment
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	Percentage of patients who had a suicide risk assessment completed at each visit.
NQF #:	0105
MEASURE TITLE:	Anti-depressant medication management: (a) Effective Acute Phase Treatment, (b) Effective Continuation Phase Treatment
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	The percentage of patients 18 years of age and older who were diagnosed with a new episode of major depression, treated with antidepressant medication, and who remained on an antidepressant medication treatment.
NQF #:	0106
MEASURE TITLE:	Diagnosis of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) in primary care for school age children and adolescents
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	Percentage of patients newly diagnosed with ADHD whose medical record contains documentation of DSM-IV-TR or DSM-PC criteria.

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NQF #:	0107
MEASURE TITLE:	Management of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) in primary care for school age children and adolescents
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	Percentage of patients treated psychostimulant with medication for the diagnosis of ADHD whose medical record contains documentation of a follow-up visit at least twice a year.
NQF #:	0108
MEASURE TITLE:	ADHD: Follow-Up Care for Children Prescribed Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) Medication
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	a. Initiation Phase: Percentage of children 6 - 12 years of age as of the Index Prescription Episode Start Date with an ambulatory prescription dispensed for and ADHD medication and who had one follow-up visit with a practitioner with prescribing authority during the 30-Day Initiation Phase. b. Continuation and Maintenance (C&M) Phase: Percentage of children 6 - 12 years of age as of the Index Prescription Episode Start Date with an ambulatory prescription dispensed for ADHD medication who remained on the medication for at least 210 days and who in addition to the visit in the Initiation Phase had at least two additional follow-up visits with a practitioner within 270 days (9 months) after the Initiation Phase ends.
NQF #:	0112
MEASURE TITLE:	Bipolar Disorder: Monitoring change in level-of-functioning
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with an initial diagnosis or new episode/presentation of bipolar disorder.
NQF #:	0132
MEASURE TITLE:	Aspirin at Arrival
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	Acute myocardial infarction (AMI) patients who received aspirin within 24 hours before or after hospital arrival.
NQF #:	0137
MEASURE TITLE:	ACEI or ARB for LVSD
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	Acute myocardial infarction (AMI) patients with left ventricular systolic dysfunction (LVSD) who are prescribed an ACEI or ARB at hospital discharge. For purposes of this measure, LVSD is defined as chart documentation of a left ventricular ejection fraction (LVEF) less than 40% or a narrative description of left ventricular systolic (LVS) function consistent with moderate or severe systolic dysfunction.
NQF #:	0138
MEASURE TITLE:	Urinary catheter-associated urinary tract infection for intensive care unit (ICU) patients
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	Standardized Infection Ration (SIR) of healthcare-associated, catheter-associated urinary tract infections (CAUTI) among patients in intensive care units (ICUs), excluding patients in neonatal ICUs (NICUs).

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NQF #:	0139
MEASURE TITLE:	Central line catheter-associated blood stream infection rate for ICU and high-risk nursery (HRN) patients
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	Standardized Infection Ration (SIR) of healthcare-associated, central line-associated bloodstream infections (CLABSI) among patients in intensive care units (ICUs) and Neonatal Intensive Care Units (NICUs).
NQF #:	0142
MEASURE TITLE:	Aspirin Prescribed at Discharge
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	Acute myocardial infarction (AMI) patients who are prescribed aspirin at hospital discharge.
NQF #:	0147
MEASURE TITLE:	Initial Antibiotic Selection for Community-Acquired Pneumonia (CAP) in Immunocompetent Patients
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	Immunocompetent patients with Community-Acquired Pneumonia who receive an initial antibiotic regimen during the first 24 hours that is consistent with current guidelines.
NQF #:	0148
MEASURE TITLE:	Blood Cultures Performed in the Emergency Department Prior to Initial Antibiotic Received in Hospital
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	Pneumonia patients whose initial emergency room blood culture specimen was collected prior to first hospital dose of antibiotics. This measure focuses on the treatment provided to Emergency Department patients prior to admission orders.
NQF #:	0151
MEASURE TITLE:	Initial Antibiotic Received Within 6 Hours of Hospital Arrival
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	Pneumonia patients who receive their first dose of antibiotics within 6 hours after arrival at the hospital.
NQF #:	0160
MEASURE TITLE:	Beta-Blocker Prescribed at Discharge
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	Acute myocardial infarction (AMI) patients who are prescribed a beta-blocker at hospital discharge.
NQF #:	0163
MEASURE TITLE:	Primary PCI Received Within 90 Minutes of Hospital Arrival
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	Acute myocardial infarction (AMI) patients with ST-segment elevation or LBBB on the ECG closest to arrival time receiving primary PCI during the hospital stay with a time from hospital arrival to PCI of 90 minutes or less.
NQF #:	0164
MEASURE TITLE:	Fibrinolytic Therapy Received Within 30 Minutes of Hospital Arrival
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	Acute myocardial infarction (AMI) patients with ST-segment elevation or LBBB on the ECG closest to arrival time receiving fibrinolytic therapy during the hospital stay and having a time from hospital arrival to fibrinolysis of 30 minutes or less.

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NQF #:	0239
MEASURE TITLE:	Perioperative Care: Venous Thromboembolism (VTE) Prophylaxis (when indicated in ALL patients)
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	Patient Age: All patients age 18 years and older. Procedures: surgical procedures for which VTE prophylaxis is indicated in all patients who had an order for LMWH, LDUH, adjusted-dose warfarin, fondaparinux or mechanical prophylaxis given within 24 hours prior to incision time or 24 hours after surgery end time.
NQF #:	0241
MEASURE TITLE:	Stroke and Stroke Rehabilitation: Anticoagulant Therapy Prescribed for Atrial Fibrillation at Discharge
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with a diagnosis of ischemic stroke or transient ischemic attack (TIA) with documented permanent, persistent, or paroxysmal atrial fibrillation who were prescribed an anticoagulant at discharge.
NQF #:	0246
MEASURE TITLE:	Stroke and Stroke Rehabilitation: Computed Tomography (CT) or Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) Reports
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	Percentage of final reports for CT or MRI studies of the brain performed either: In the hospital within 24 hours of arrival, OR in an outpatient imaging center to confirm initial diagnosis of stroke, TIA or intracranial hemorrhage. For patients aged 18 years and older with either a diagnosis of ischemic stroke or transient ischemic attack (TIA) or intracranial hemorrhage OR at least one documented symptom consistent with ischemic stroke, TIA or intracranial hemorrhage that includes documentation of the presence or absence of each of the following: hemorrhage and mass lesion and acute infarction.
NQF #:	0268
MEASURE TITLE:	Perioperative Care: Selection of Prophylactic Antibiotic - First OR Second Generation Cephalosporin
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	Percentage of surgical patients aged 18 years and older undergoing procedures with the indications for a first OR second generation cephalosporin prophylactic antibiotic who had an order for cefazolin OR cefuroxime for antimicrobial prophylaxis.
NQF #:	0270
MEASURE TITLE:	Perioperative Care: Timing of Prophylactic Antibiotics - Ordering Physician
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	Percentage of surgical patients aged 18 years and older undergoing procedures with the indications for prophylactic parenteral antibiotics who have an order for an antibiotic to be given within one hour (if fluoroquinolone or vancomycin, two hours) prior to the surgical incision (or start of procedure when no incision is required).
NQF #:	0271
MEASURE TITLE:	Perioperative Care: Discontinuation of Prophylactic Antibiotics (Non-Cardiac Procedures)
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	Percentage of non-cardiac surgical patients aged 18 years and older undergoing procedures with the indications for prophylactic antibiotics AND who received a prophylactic antibiotic, who have an order for discontinuation of prophylactic antibiotics within 24 hours of surgical end time.

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NQF #:	0298
MEASURE TITLE:	Central Line Bundle Compliance
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	The percentage of intensive care patients in the included ICUs with central lines for who all five elements of the central line "bundle" are documented on the daily goals sheet, central line checklist, patient's medical record, or other documentation tool.
NQF #:	0300
MEASURE TITLE:	Cardiac Surgery Patients With Controlled 6 A.M. Postoperative Blood Glucose
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	Cardiac surgery patients with controlled 6 A.M. blood glucose (less than or equal to 200 mg/dL) on postoperative day one (POD 1) and postoperative day two (POD 2) with Anesthesia End Date being postoperative day zero (POD 0).
NQF #:	0302
MEASURE TITLE:	Ventilator Bundle
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	The percentage of intensive care patients on mechanical ventilation for whom all five elements of the ventilator "bundle" are implemented and documented.
NQF #:	0321
MEASURE TITLE:	End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD): Plan of Care for Inadequate Peritoneal Dialysis
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with a diagnosis of ESRD receiving peritoneal dialysis who have a Kt/V \geq 1.7 OR patients who have a Kt/V $<$ 1.7 with a documented plan of care 3 times a year (every 4 months) during the 12 month reporting period.
NQF #:	0323
MEASURE TITLE:	End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD): Plan of Care of Inadequate Hemodialysis in ESRD Patients
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	Percentage of patient calendar months during the 12 month reporting period in which patients aged 18 years and older with a diagnosis of ESRD and receiving hemodialysis have a Kt/V \geq 1.2 OR have a Kt/V $<$ 1.2 with a documented plan of care.
NQF #:	0329
MEASURE TITLE:	All Cause Readmission Index (risk adjusted)
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	30-day Readmission Index for Non-Maternity and Non-Pediatric Discharges.
NQF #:	0341
MEASURE TITLE:	PICU Pain Assessment
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	Percentage of PICU patients receiving pain assessment on admission.
NQF #:	0342
MEASURE TITLE:	PICU Periodic Pain Assessment
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	Percentage of PICU patients receiving periodic pain assessment.
NQF #:	0348
MEASURE TITLE:	Iatrogenic Pneumothorax in Non-Neonates (risk adjusted) (PDI5)
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	Percent of medical and surgical discharges, age under 18 years, with ICD-9-CM code of iatrogenic pneumothorax in any secondary diagnosis field.

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NQF #:	0356
MEASURE TITLE:	Blood Cultures Performed Within 24 Hours Prior to or 24 Hours After Hospital Arrival for Patients Who Were Transferred or Admitted to the ICU Within 24 Hours of Hospital Arrival
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	Pneumonia patients transferred or admitted to the ICU within 24 hours of hospital arrival, who had blood cultures performed within 24 hours prior to or the day prior to arrival, the day of arrival, or within 24 hours after arrival to the hospital.
NQF #:	0362
MEASURE TITLE:	Foreign Body left after procedure (PDI3)
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	Discharges with foreign body accidentally left in during procedure per 1000 discharges.
NQF #:	0385
MEASURE TITLE:	Oncology Colon Cancer: Chemotherapy for Stage III Colon Cancer Patients
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with Stage IIIA through IIIC colon cancer who are referred for adjuvant chemotherapy, prescribed adjuvant chemotherapy, or have previously received adjuvant chemotherapy within the 12-month reporting period.
NQF #:	0387
MEASURE TITLE:	Oncology Breast Cancer: Hormonal Therapy for Stage IC-IIIC Estrogen Receptor/Progesterone Receptor (ER/PR) Positive Breast Cancer
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	Percentage of female patients aged 18 years and older with Stage IC through IIIC, ER or PR positive breast cancer who were prescribed tamoxifen or aromatase inhibitor (AI) during the 12-month reporting period.
NQF #:	0389
MEASURE TITLE:	Prostate Cancer: Avoidance of Overuse of Bone Scan for Staging Low Risk Prostate Cancer Patients
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	Percentage of patients, regardless of age, with a diagnosis of prostate cancer at low risk of recurrence receiving interstitial prostate brachytherapy, OR external beam radiotherapy to the prostate, OR radical prostatectomy, OR cryotherapy who did not have a bone scan performed at any time since diagnosis of prostate cancer.
NQF #:	0397
MEASURE TITLE:	Hepatitis C: Antiviral Treatment Prescribed
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with a diagnosis of chronic hepatitis C who were prescribed peginterferon and ribavirin therapy within the 12 month reporting period.
NQF #:	0399
MEASURE TITLE:	Hepatitis C: Hepatitis A Vaccination in Patients with HCV
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with a diagnosis of hepatitis C who have received at least one injection of hepatitis A vaccine, or who have documented immunity to hepatitis A.

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NQF #:	0400
MEASURE TITLE:	Hepatitis C: Hepatitis B Vaccination in Patients with HCV
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with a diagnosis of hepatitis C who have received at least one injection of hepatitis B vaccine, or who have documented immunity to hepatitis B.
NQF #:	0401
MEASURE TITLE:	Hepatitis C: Counseling Regarding Risk of Alcohol Consumption
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with a diagnosis of hepatitis C who were counseled regarding the risks of alcohol consumption at least once within the 12 month reporting period.
NQF #:	0416
MEASURE TITLE:	Diabetic Foot and Ankle Care, Ulcer Prevention - Evaluation of Footwear
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with a diagnosis of diabetes mellitus who were evaluated for proper footwear and sizing.
NQF #:	0421
MEASURE TITLE:	Adult Weight Screening and Follow-Up
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with a calculated BMI in the past six months or during the current visit documented in the medical record AND if the most recent BMI is outside parameters, a follow-up plan is documented. <i>*Reviewed for substantive changes by the eMeasure Format Review Panel in 2010</i>
NQF #:	0453
MEASURE TITLE:	Urinary catheter removed on Postoperative Day 1 (POD 1) or Postoperative Day 2 (POD 2) with day of surgery being day zero
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	Surgical patients with urinary catheter removed on Postoperative Day 1 or Postoperative Day 2 with day of surgery being day zero.
NQF #:	0471
MEASURE TITLE:	Cesarean Rate for Low-Risk Birth Women
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	Cesarean Rate for low-risk first birth women (aka NTSV CS rate: nulliparous, term, singleton, vertex) identifies the portion of cesarean births that has the most variation among practitioners, hospitals, regions and states. Unlike other cesarean measures, it focuses attention on the proportion of cesarean births that is affected by elective medical practices such as induction and early labor admission. Furthermore, the success (or lack thereof) of management of the first labor directly impacts the remainder of the woman's reproductive life especially given the current high rate of repeat cesarean births. This is also the measure used in Healthy Person 2010 (Objective 16.9a, US DHS, 2000) and previously received endorsement from the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists: Task Force on Cesarean Delivery, 2000). A recent European review of cesarean birth measures also identified that this measure pinpointed the portion of cesarean births that had the greatest variation and contributed the most to the rise in overall rates in every country studied (Brennan, 2009).

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NQF #:	0484
MEASURE TITLE:	Proportion of Infants 22 to 29 Weeks Gestation Treated with Surfactant who are Treated within 2 Hours of Birth
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	Proportion of infants with gestational age between 22 and 29 completed weeks who were treated with surfactant and were treated within two hours of birth.
NQF #:	0496
MEASURE TITLE:	Median Time from ED Arrival to ED Departure for Discharged ED Patients
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	Median time from emergency department arrival to time of departure from the emergency room for patients discharged from the emergency department.
NQF #:	0507
MEASURE TITLE:	Stenosis Measurement in Carotid Imaging Studies
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	Percentage of final reports for carotid imaging studies (neck MR angiography [MRA], neck CT angiography [CTA], neck duplex ultrasound, carotid angiogram) performed that include direct or indirect reference to measurements of distal internal carotid diameter as the denominator for stenosis measurement.
NQF #:	0508
MEASURE TITLE:	Radiology: Inappropriate Use of "Probably Benign" Assessment Category in Mammography Screening
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	Percentage of final reports for screening mammograms that are classified as "probably benign".
NQF #:	0510
MEASURE TITLE:	Radiology: Exposure Time Reported for Procedures Using Fluoroscopy
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	Percentage of final reports for procedures using fluoroscopy that include documentation of radiation exposure or exposure time.
NQF #:	0511
MEASURE TITLE:	Nuclear Medicine: Correlation with Existing Imaging Studies for All Patients Undergoing Bone Scintigraphy
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	Percentage of final reports for all patients, regardless of age, undergoing bone scintigraphy that include physician documentation of correlation with existing relevant imaging studies (e.g., X-ray, MRI, CT) that were performed.
NQF #:	0513
MEASURE TITLE:	Use of Contrast: Thorax CT
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	This measure calculates the percentage of thorax studies that are performed with and without contrast out of all thorax studies performed (those with contrast, those without contrast, and those with both).
NQF #:	0519
MEASURE TITLE:	Diabetic Foot Care and Patient/Caregiver Education Implemented During Short Term Episodes of Care
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	Percentage of short term home health episodes of care during which diabetic foot care and education were included in the physician-ordered plan of care and implemented for patients with diabetes.

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NQF #:	0527
MEASURE TITLE:	Prophylactic Antibiotic Received Within One Hour Prior to Surgical Incision
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	Surgical patients with prophylactic antibiotics initiated within one hour prior to surgical incision. Patients who received vancomycin or a fluoroquinolone for prophylactic antibiotics should have the antibiotics initiated within two hours prior to surgical incision. Due to the longer infusion time required for vancomycin or a fluoroquinolone, it is acceptable to start these antibiotics within two hours prior to incision time.
NQF #:	0528
MEASURE TITLE:	Prophylactic Antibiotic Selection for Surgical Patients
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	Surgical patients who received prophylactic antibiotics consistent with current guidelines (specific to each type of surgical procedure).
NQF #:	0529
MEASURE TITLE:	Prophylactic Antibiotics Discontinued Within 24 Hours After Surgery End Time
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	Surgical patients whose prophylactic antibiotics were discontinued within 24 hours after Anesthesia End Time. The Society of Thoracic Surgeons (STS) Practice Guideline for Antibiotic Prophylaxis in Cardiac Surgery (2006) indicates that there is no reason to extend antibiotics beyond 48 hours for cardiac surgery and very explicitly states that antibiotics should not be extended beyond 48 hours even with tubes and drains in place for cardiac surgery.
NQF #:	0575
MEASURE TITLE:	Diabetes: HbA1c Control (<8%)
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	The percentage of patients 18-75 years of age with diabetes (type 1 or type 2) who had HbA1c <8.0%. <i>*Reviewed for substantive changes by the eMeasure Format Review Panel in 2010</i>
NQF #:	0608
MEASURE TITLE:	Pregnant women that had HBsAg testing
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	This measure reports compliance to hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg) testing during pregnancy; if the HBsAg test is absent, then the exclusion criteria (diagnosis of hepatitis B infection) is applied.
NQF #:	ACP-017-10
MEASURE TITLE:	Endoscopy & Polyp Surveillance: Colonoscopy Interval for Patients with a History of Adenomatous Polyps - Avoidance of Inappropriate Use
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older receiving a surveillance colonoscopy, with a history of a prior colonic polyp in previous colonoscopy findings who had a follow-up interval of 3 or more years since their last colonoscopy documented in the colonoscopy report.
NQF #:	OT3-011-10
MEASURE TITLE:	Depression Remission at Twelve Months
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	Adult patients age 18 and older with major depression or dysthymia and an initial PHQ-9 score > 9 who demonstrate remission at twelve months defined as PHQ-9 score less than 5. This measure applies to both patients with newly diagnosed and existing depression whose current PHQ-9 score indicates a need for treatment.

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NQF #:	OT3-012-10
MEASURE TITLE:	Depression Remission at Six Months
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	Adult patients age 18 and older with major depression or dysthymia and an initial PHQ-9 score > 9 who demonstrate remission at six months defined as PHQ-9 score less than 5. This measure applies to both patients with newly diagnosed and existing depression whose current PHQ-9 score indicates a need for treatment.
NQF #:	OT3-022-10
MEASURE TITLE:	Depression Utilization of the PHQ-9 Tool
MEASURE DESCRIPTION:	Adult patients age 18 and older with the diagnosis of major depression or dysthymia who have a PHQ-9 tool administered at least once during a 4 month period in which there was a qualifying visit.

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