

**NATIONAL**  
**PNEUMONIA**  
*Medicare Quality Improvement Project*

**FACT SHEET**  
**Summary of Pneumonia Measure Changes for 4/1/09+ Discharges**

- PN-1 (Oxygenation) and PN-5b (Antibiotics within 4 hours of arrival) have been retired
- Doripenem has been added as an additional antipseudomonal beta-lactam option for patients with Pseudomonas Risk

Data Element	New	Clarification	Change
ABG Done	✓		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This data element has been retired</li> </ul>
Another Suspected Source of Infection	✓		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Inclusion added:</b> Systemic Inflammatory Response Syndrome (SIRS)</li> </ul>
Antibiotic Administration Route, Date and Antibiotic Name		✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Abstract antibiotics from narrative charting ONLY if there is no other documentation that reflects an antibiotic was given</li> <li>• Do not collect antibiotics documented on operative report as this does not reflect actual administration</li> <li>• The date or signature/initials documented on one side/page of a multi-sided or multi-paged form can be applied to all documentation on that form for abstraction purposes. If the date of administration is not documented on any side/page of the form, utilize 'UTD' for the missing date. If the signature or initials signifying administration is documented on any side/page of the form, that specific antibiotic cannot be abstracted.</li> </ul>
Antibiotic Administration Time		✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Abstract antibiotics from narrative charting ONLY if there is no other documentation that reflects an antibiotic was given</li> <li>• Do not collect antibiotics documented on operative report as this does not reflect actual administration</li> <li>• The date or signature/initials documented on one side/page of a multi-sided or multi-paged form can be applied to all documentation on that form for abstraction purposes. If the date of administration is not documented on any side/page of the form, utilize 'UTD' for the missing date. If the signature or initials signifying administration is documented on any side/page of the form, that specific antibiotic cannot be abstracted.</li> <li>• The use of 'hang time' or 'infusion time' is acceptable as antibiotic administration time when other documentation cannot be found</li> </ul>
Blood Culture Collected and Initial blood	✓		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allowable values and abstraction notes wording change slightly to abstract the initial documentation of blood culture rather than the 'initial blood culture'</li> </ul>

<b>Culture Collection Date</b>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Blood culture information abstracted should demonstrate actual collection of the blood culture.</li> </ul> <p>Examples:</p> <p>Do not use physician orders as they do not demonstrate collection of the blood culture</p> <p>Narrative documentation of 'Lab at bedside to draw blood culture' (does not demonstrate collection took place) or 'Lab was at bedside blood drawn' (does not demonstrate a blood culture was collected) would not be sufficient</p>
<b>Chest X-Ray</b>	✓		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If the only documentation of an Inclusion is prefaced with wording such as 'no significant' or 'no definite', select 4 (do NOT reference Appendix H, Table 2.6)</li> </ul>
<b>Comfort Measures Only</b>	✓		<p><b>Guideline added:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Abstraction guideline added which disallows the use of CMO documentation that is dated prior to arrival or which refers to the pre-arrival time period (e.g., comfort measures only order in previous hospitalization record, "Pt. on hospice at home" in H&amp;P). EXCEPTION: CMO documented on state-authorized portable orders (SAPOs) which are dated prior to arrival will count as CMO. SAPO Examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DNR-Comfort Care form</li> <li>MOLST (Medical Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment)</li> <li>POLST (Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment)</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Inclusions added:</b> Brain death, Organ harvest</li> <li><b>Inclusion deleted:</b> Allow natural death</li> </ul>
<b>Compromised</b>	✓		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Inclusion deleted:</b> Malignancy</li> <li><b>Exclusion deleted:</b> Any skin cancers without documentation of chemotherapy or radiation therapy within the last 3 months</li> </ul>
<b>Initial Blood Culture Collection Time</b>	✓		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Allowable values and abstraction notes wording change slightly to abstract the initial documentation of blood culture rather than the 'initial blood culture'</li> <li>Blood culture information abstracted should demonstrate actual collection of the blood culture.</li> </ul> <p>Examples:</p> <p>Do not use physician orders as they do not demonstrate collection of the blood culture</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Narrative documentation of 'Lab at bedside to draw blood culture' (does not demonstrate collection took place) or 'Lab was at bedside blood drawn' (does not demonstrate a blood culture was collected) would not be sufficient</li> <li>If multiple times of collection are documented abstract the earliest (initial) time, providing documentation demonstrates collection. Note: This data element no longer limits abstraction to documentation of 'drawn, collected or obtained' times.</li> </ul>
<b>Pneumonia Diagnosis: ED/Direct Admit</b>	✓		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If there is documentation of aspiration PN as an ED final diagnosis or direct admit admitting diagnosis, select 3</li> </ul> <p>Example: the ED final diagnosis/direct admit admission diagnosis is 'Pneumonia vs aspiration pneumonia', select 3</p>

<b>Pseudomonas Risk</b>	✓		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Exclusion added: Asthma</b></li> </ul>
<b>Pulsa Oximetry Done</b>	✓		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>This data element has been retired</b></li> </ul>

For a complete list of changes please see the “Release Notes,” located in the Specifications Manual for National Hospital Quality Measures for discharges 4/1/2009. The manual can be found at <http://www.qualitynet.org/dcs/ContentServer?cid=1192804535739&pagename=QnetPublic%2FPage%2FQnetTier3&c=Page>

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