

The Hospital Quality Alliance (HQA) Ten Measure “Starter Set”

Performance Measures	Measure Description – for additional information including inclusions and exclusions click on the Performance Measure
<u>AMI - Aspirin at Arrival</u>	Acute myocardial infarction (AMI) patients without aspirin contraindications who received aspirin within 24 hours before or after hospital arrival.
<u>AMI - Aspirin Prescribed at Discharge</u>	Acute myocardial infarction (AMI) patients without aspirin contraindications who are prescribed aspirin at hospital discharge.
<u>AMI – ACEI or ARB for LVSD</u>	Acute myocardial infarction (AMI) patients with left ventricular systolic dysfunction (LVSD) and without angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitor (ACEI) and angiotensin receptor blocker (ARB) contraindications who are prescribed either an ACEI or ARB at hospital discharge.*
<u>AMI - Beta Blocker at Arrival</u>	Acute myocardial infarction (AMI) patients without beta blocker contraindications who received a beta blocker within 24 hours after hospital arrival.
<u>AMI - Beta Blocker at Discharge</u>	Acute myocardial infarction (AMI) patients without beta blocker contraindications who are prescribed a beta blocker at hospital discharge.
<u>HF-LVF Assessment</u>	Heart failure patients with documentation in the hospital record that left ventricular function (LVF) were assessed before arrival, during hospitalization, or planned for after discharge.
<u>HF-ACEI or ARB for LVSD</u>	Heart failure patients with left ventricular systolic dysfunction (LVSD) and without angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitor (ACEI) and angiotensin receptor blocker (ARB) contraindications who are prescribed either an ACEI or ARB at hospital discharge.*
<u>PNE-Initial Antibiotic Timing</u>	Pneumonia patients who receive their first dose of antibiotics within 4 hours after arrival at the hospital.
<u>PNE-Pneumococcal Vaccination</u>	Pneumonia patients age 65 and older who were screened for pneumococcal vaccine status and were administered the vaccine prior to discharge, if indicated.
<u>PNE-Oxygenation Assessment</u>	Pneumonia patients who had an assessment of arterial oxygenation by arterial blood gas measurement or pulse oximetry within 24 hours prior to or after arrival at the hospital.

*Measure revised to incorporate ARBs, per **joint agreement** of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations (JCAHO) issued on November 15, 2004.