

UCLA Medical Center Quality of Care Documentation Reminders

The utilization of beneficial therapies and the documentation of the medical care, counseling, and discharge plan are being monitored and publicly reported by CMS, TJC, and other organizations. It is essential that each physician that cares for patients make every effort to ensure appropriate therapies are implemented and documented.

TJC (JOINT COMMISSION)/CMS MEASURES:

ACUTE MYOCARDIAL INFARCTION (AMI):

- Aspirin received within 24 hours before or after hospital arrival.
- Aspirin prescribed at discharge
- ACEI or ARB are prescribed at hospital discharge for patients with LV ejection fraction <40% (NOTE: Contraindications to both ACEI AND ARB therapy must be documented to exclude from measure)
- Adult Smoking Cessation Advice/Counseling is given for current and former smokers who quit less than one year ago.
- Beta Blocker prescribed at discharge
- Thrombolytic Agent received within 30 Minutes of hospital arrival
- PCI received within 120 Minutes of hospital arrival

HEART FAILURE:

- Left ventricular function (LVF) assessment documented before arrival, during hospitalization, or is planned for after discharge.
- ACEI or ARB prescribed at hospital discharge for patients with LV ejection fraction <40%
- Adult Smoking Cessation Advice/Counseling is given for current and former smokers who quit less than one year ago.
- Discharge Instructions: documentation that patient received written instructions or educational material at discharge or during the hospital stay for ALL of the following:
 - ✓ activity level
 - ✓ diet
 - ✓ what to do if symptoms worsen
 - ✓ follow-up appointment
 - ✓ weight monitoring
 - ✓ discharge medications

NOTE: Use of the electronic discharge form will prompt you for all discharge elements. Be sure to use the system for the patient instructions and the discharge summary so the medication list will be identical.

PNEUMONIA:

- Patients age 65 and older are screened for pneumococcal vaccine status and administered the vaccine prior to discharge, if indicated
- Patients 50 and older are screened for influenza vaccine status and administered the vaccine prior to discharge, if indicated (OCT– MAR ONLY)
- Blood cultures performed within 24 hours prior to or after hospital arrival.
- Initial hospital blood culture collected prior to first hospital dose of antibiotics.
- Initial Antibiotic received within 6 Hours of hospital arrival
- Adult Smoking Cessation Advice/Counseling is given for current and former smokers who quit less than one year ago.

ADMISSION AND DISCHARGE:

- Use standardized orders sets which are available in the ER, on the Forms Portal, and at nursing units: AMI, Heart Failure, CP, ACS, Pneumonia, and General Internal Medicine.
- Reconcile medications on admission, transfers, post-procedurally, and at discharge. It must be documented that the patient is given a written list of ALL medications at discharge.
- Each medication, whether new or old must be listed. It is not acceptable to just state resume outpatient medications
- Use of the electronic discharge form will prompt you for quality indicators. BE SURE TO SAVE PATIENT INSTRUCTIONS AND DISCHARGE SUMMARY IN THE CLIN DOC SYSTEM FOR THE PERMANENT MEDICAL RECORD.
- Cardiac patients: Complete Cardiovascular Patient Discharge Checklist