Emergency Department Transfer Communication Measure Set Tool Training

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Objectives

• Understand the detailed specifications and measure calculation for the Emergency Department Transfer Communication Measures
• Demonstrate use of the Excel based data collection and reporting tool
• Review processes for data submission.
• Questions regarding next steps
Background

• Emergency Department Transfer Communication Measure developed by U of MN and Stratis Health in 2005 as part of a CMS Special Study to identify rural relevant measures.

• National Quality Forum Approval led by U of MN in 2007

• QIO CAH Special Innovation Project (SIP) October, 2013 to July, 2014

• Inclusion in Phase III of MBQIP for all CAHs nationally.
Measure Calculation

• Each of the seven measures is calculated using an all-or-none approach

• Data elements are identified for each measure. If the data element is not appropriate for the patient, items scored as NA (not applicable) are counted in the measure as a positive, or ‘yes.’

• The patient will either need to meet the criteria for all of the data elements (or have an NA) to pass the measure
ETDC 1: Administrative Communication

- **Numerator Statement:** Number of patients whose medical record documentation indicated that all of the following elements were communicated to the receiving facility prior to transfer:
  - Nurse to nurse communication
  - Physician to physician communication

- **Denominator Statement:** All transfers from ED to another healthcare facility
Rate= 

# of patients who have a yes or NA for both elements: *nurse to nurse communication, and physician to physician communication* 

All transfers from ED to another health care facility
Measure Calculation – Example #2

*ETDC 7: Procedures and Tests*

- **Numerator Statement:** Number of patients whose medical record documentation indicated that all of the following elements were communicated to the receiving hospital within 60 minutes of discharge.
  - Tests and procedures done
  - Tests and procedure results sent

- **Denominator Statement:** All transfers from ED to another healthcare facility
Measure Calculation – Example #2 (cont.)

Rate =

# of patients who have a yes or NA for both elements: test and procedures done, and test and procedure results sent

All transfers from ED to another health care facility
Data Collection Guide

- Population and Sampling – page 6
- Measure Definitions – pages 8 – 14
- Data Elements – pages 15 – 42
- Considerations for Electronic Transfer of Information – page 7
- Appendices – Paper tool, list of data elements
Demonstration of Excel Data Collection and Reporting Tool
Stratis Health EDTC Project Resources

- http://www.stratishealth.org/providers/ED_Transfer.html
Questions?
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