

CollaboRATE Shared Decision-Making Tool for Outpatient and Ambulatory Surgery Patients

Measure Specification Sheet

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Measure Title:

CollaboRATE Shared Decision-Making Measure for Ambulatory or Outpatient Surgery Patients

Description:

This measure assesses facility level compliance with the distribution of the CollaboRATE measure, a validated patient-reported measure of shared decision making, to all eligible patients who underwent elective surgery at an ambulatory or hospital-based outpatient surgery center.

Measure Type:

PRO-PM

Measure Rationale:

The intent of this measure is to improve awareness and build the necessary infrastructure to optimize patient-centered care quality. Currently available clinical quality measures in ambulatory surgery focus on events that are far more rare in the ambulatory and outpatient settings, such as complications, readmissions, and deaths. Patient-reported outcomes-based performance measures (PRO-PMs) can evaluate other key dimensions of healthcare quality that are pertinent to ambulatory surgical care. For example, the Information Transfer PRO-PM assesses patients' perceptions of how effectively discharge information was communicated and understood. Shared decision making is an integral component of high-quality, patient-centered surgical care, which can be readily evaluated using the CollaboRATE measure, a validated 3-item patient-reported measure, that assesses the adequacy of shared decision making from the patient's perspective. The CollaboRATE measure is short and fast, is freely available in the public domain under a Creative Commons license, and is available in multiple translations.

Numerator:

Number of patients who were administered the CollaboRATE PRO tool before the surgical procedure.

Denominator:

All eligible patients scheduled for and who undergo an ambulatory or outpatient surgical procedure during the reporting period.

Denominator Exclusions:

N/A

Data Collection Methodology:

Facilities will track and report the total number of eligible patients and the number who were administered the measure within the specified reporting period.

Scoring:

Facilities must offer 100% of eligible patients the CollaboRATE survey to be considered compliant.

Measure Steward:

The American College of Surgeons.

Level of Analysis:

All analysis for reporting will be performed at the facility level.

Applicable Settings:

The measure will apply to Ambulatory Surgery Centers and Outpatient Surgery Centers.

Risk Adjustment:

Not Applicable

Alignment with other measures:

This measure aligns with other national initiatives focused on shared decision making and patient-centered care. CollaboRATE has previously been endorsed by both the National Quality Forum and the Partnership for Quality Measurement as a PRO-PM. Shared decision making is already required in many CMS programs such as ACO's, lung cancer screening, and other certain cardiac and vascular procedures. The CollaboRATE tool also aligns with CMS's prior use of other validated PRO-PMs such as the Outpatient and Ambulatory Surgery Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (OAS CAHPS), the Risk-Standardized Patient-Reported Outcome-Based Performance Measure (PRO-PM) Following Elective Primary Total Hip Arthroplasty (THA) and/or Total Knee Arthroplasty (TKA) in the ASC Setting (THA/TKA PRO-PM), and the Information Transfer PRO-PM, all of which have been incorporated into pay-for-reporting structures for ambulatory and outpatient surgery.