eCQM Title	Hospital Harm - Postoperative Venous Thromboembolism	
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NQF Number	Not Applicable GUID	7e887cc3-8e90-401c-bb55-ba4c562cb03c
Measurement Period	January 1, 20XX through December 31, 20XX	
Measure Steward	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)	
Measure Developer	IMPAQ International	
Endorsed By	None	
Description	The proportion of inpatient hospitalizations for patients 18 years of age or older at admission, who have at least one surgical procedure during the encounter, and who suffer the harm of a postoperative venous thromboembolism (VTE) during the encounter.	
Copyright	A postoperative venous thromboembolism (VTE) is defined as a pulmonary embolism (PE) or deep vein thrombosis (DVT) during the encounter for postoperative patients, with VTE not present on admission (NPOA).	
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Measure Scoring	Proportion	
Measure Type	Outcome	
Stratification	None	
Risk Adjustment	None	
Rate Aggregation	None	
Rationale		n (VTE) is associated with poor clinical outcomes including fatal me in the leg, and anticoagulation related bleeding (Bysshe et al.,
	postoperative VTE in hospitals remains high in the leaving opportunity to further reduce the occurrence (ACCP) estimates the cumulative untreated 35-day (DVT) 2.8%) after major orthopedic surgery (Falck 1.8% (PE 0.55%, DVT 1.25%) when patients were 2012). Moreover, one study found, that Medicare's hospital acquired PE or DVT was associated with a 2015). These findings suggest that 1) there remain	of postoperative VTE between 2014 to 2017, the rate of United States (Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, 2017), the of these events. The American College of Chest Physicians of postoperative risk of VTE is 4.3% (PE 1.5%, deep vein thrombosis events. The ACCP estimates this risk decreased to the treated with low molecular weight heparin (Falck-Ytter et al., implementation of a policy to not reimburse hospitals for cases of 35% lower incidence of these adverse events (Gidwani et al., its room for improvement, and 2) a reimbursement policy that grificant driver in reducing the incidence of hospital-acquired
	Adoption of this measure has the potential to improve the quality of care for surgical patients and, therefore, advance the quality of care in patient safety, which is a priority area identified by the National Quality Strategy (Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, 2017). While this measure is an adapted version of an existing measure for perioperative VTE (PSI 12), re-specification as an eCQM would fill a gap in measurement for the all-payer population.	
Clinical Recommendation Statement	This measure identifies acute postoperative VTE events diagnosed and treated in the hospital. Rates of postoperative VTE can be considered an indicator of the quality of care provided by a hospital, and this measure will help to identify hospitals that have persistently high rates. This measure could incentivize hospitals to reduce the incidence of postoperative VTE and enable them to more reliably assess harm reduction efforts and modify their quality improvement efforts in near real-time.	
Improvement Notation	A lower proportion indicates better quality.	
Reference	Reference Type: CITATION	

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Format

Initial Population	Inpatient hospitalizations where the patient is 18 years of age or older at the start of the encounter, and at least one surgical procedure was performed during the encounter.	
Denominator	Equals Initial Population	
Denominator Exclusions	Inpatient hospitalizations for patients with venous thromboembolism (VTE) present on admission.	
	Inpatient hospitalizations for patients with obstetrical conditions.	
Numerator	Inpatient hospitalizations for patients with a postoperative venous thromboembolism (VTE).	
Numerator Exclusions	None	
Denominator Exceptions	None	
Supplemental Data Elements	For every patient evaluated by this measure also identify payer, race, ethnicity and gender	

Measure Set