



SPINAL CORD INJURY FOCUS STUDY

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Training

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Spinal Cord Injury Focus Study

- Purpose: To collect data on Veterans with a diagnosis of Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) focusing on nine previously retired measures
 - P7s: Tobacco Screened for Use
 - P19s: Immunization - Influenza
 - P24s: Pneumococcal Immunization Refused
 - Pvc12s: Pneumococcal Immunization
 - Scid5: DM – Retinal Exam, timely by disease
 - Smg8s: Tobacco – Patients using tobacco daily or some days advised to quit
 - Smg9s: Tobacco – Patients using tobacco daily or some days offered cessation strategies
 - Smg10s: Tobacco – Patients using tobacco daily or some days offered medications
 - Smg19s: Tobacco Use – Current User



SCI Focus Study

- Study Timeframe: 06/01/2021 to 06/30/2022
- There will be no Data Accountability Checklist (DAC) or Exit conferences for this focus study
- Data captured will be used by API-PM to evaluate the performance data for the previously retired CGPI measures



Instrument Questions and Rules

- The questions and definition/decision rules for this focus study should be familiar as they mirror existing questions from the CGPI instrument
- One question may be new if you have not previously reviewed CGPI cases that included SCI cohorts
 - Question 2: DXEXCLD



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- Question 2 (DXEXCLD) asks:
 - Does the patient have one of the following diagnoses?
 - 1. Multiple Sclerosis (MS), without primary problem of paraplegia
 - 2. Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS)
 - 3. Guillain-Barre Syndrome
 - 4. Malignant tumor of the spinal cord
 - 99. None of the above
- **Excluded:** MS in which patient does not have primary problem of paraplegia, ALS (commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease), Guillain-Barre Syndrome, and malignant tumor of the spinal cord
- **Included:** Benign tumors of the spinal cord, MS in which patient does have primary problem of paraplegia (paralysis of the legs and lower part of the body) associated with the disease process.



Question DXEXCLD continued

- Look carefully on the problem list and progress notes for documentation of any of the four diagnoses listed in the question
- If you are unsure if a diagnosis is acceptable to answer 1 through 4, check with your RM for guidance
- If the answer to DXEXCLD is 1, 2, 3, or 4 the case will be excluded from review
- **Exclusion Statement:**
 - The patient's diagnosis does not meet inclusion criteria for the spinal cord injury and disorders cohort



Next Steps and Questions

- The pull list has been received and will be processed and released by 08/01/2022
- Abstraction can begin once you have completed this education and notified your Regional Manager
- The date to complete abstraction is 08/31/2022
- If you have questions as you are reviewing, please contact Jennifer Hall: jhall@qualityinsights.org OR your Regional Manager



Thank you for your participation in this training session and focus study!

