



EPRP Update

FY2025Q3

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FY2025Q3 Changes

- The slides in this presentation will serve to provide an overview of changes to the FY2025Q3 data collection instruments and scoring.
- Although the most important points will be covered, please be sure to review all the highlighted sections in the Word documents that have been provided by email and are available on the Quality Insights EPRP website.



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Cataract Surgery Sample

- Due to the limited number of total cases allowed to be sampled during the extended contract period (3/31/2025 – 6/29/2025), there will be no Cataract Surgery (CAT) cases included on the FY2025Q3 pull lists.
- The June HBPC sample will be reduced, as needed, to ensure we comply with the limited number of total cases allowed during the extension.



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Data collection tools with no changes



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Data collection tools with changes



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CGPI – Prevention Indicators Module

- **Pneumococcal Conjugate 21 (PCV21 or CAPVAXIVE™)**
 - After receiving approval from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on 6/17/2024, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices recommended PCV21 as an option for adults aged >= 19 years who are currently recommended to receive PCV15 or PCV20
 - To capture documentation the Veteran received or refused the new vaccine, two new questions have been added
 - #11 PCVVAC21
 - #12 PCVDT21
 - Only consider documentation of PCV21 or CAPVAXIVE™ to answer these questions



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Pneumococcal Questions Field Format

- In anticipation of expected changes to the age recommendations for pneumococcal vaccination, field format was changed to include cases ≥ 50 years
 - #10 PCVDT20
 - #12 PCVDT21
- If the Veteran received the PCV21 vaccine and age ≥ 50 years, question #13 PNEUNSP will be skipped



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Tobacco Use Screening

- #18 TOBSCRN25
 - Updated definition/decision rules to clarify how to recognize documentation of tobacco use screening that was done using the National Clinical Reminder for Tobacco Use (NCRT)
 - The screening questions will not appear in the documentation
 - Identify the NCRT by seeing the lead in statement:
 - “Tobacco Use Screening:”



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Never Tobacco User

- New question, #20 NOTOBUSE5
 - Replaces questions NOTOBUSE2 and NOTOBUSE3
 - Asks if within the 5 years prior to the beginning of the study year and one year prior to the study end, was there documentation the Veteran screened “Never Tobacco User” by the NCRT and there was no conflicting documentation (i.e., never and former)
 - Examples of “Never Tobacco User” include:
 - The patient has never used cigarettes
 - The patient has never used other types of tobacco (cigars, pipe smoking, snuff, dip, or chewing tobacco)
- Enter the date of the most recent NCRT screening documentation that indicated the patient has never used tobacco in question #21, NOTOBDT5



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Tobacco Screening Questions: Oracle Health

- The following questions have been added to the tobacco use questions for Oracle Health facilities to capture documentation of medication prescribed for tobacco use cessation
- The questions are only new for those sites using the Oracle Health electronic health record
 - #48 CPTREQRX2
 - #50 CTOBRXORDT2
 - #52 CTOBFDASCRN
 - #49 CTOBRXORD2
 - #51 CTOBRXNME1-7



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HBPC

Question #13 MEDCHG

- A reminder was added to the definition/decision rules
- Vaccination recommendation is NOT considered a recommendation for change of patient’s medication regimen

Pneumococcal Conjugate 21 (PCV21) questions

- The addition of two questions asking about PCV21 vaccination previously discussed on the CGPI slides were also added to the HBPC instrument
 - Question #119 PCVVAC21
 - Question #120 PCVDT21



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HBPC Caregiver Strain



7 QUESTIONS RELATED TO CAREGIVER STRAIN SCREENING HAVE BEEN ADDED BACK INTO THE HBPC INSTRUMENT



THE FOLLOWING SLIDES WILL COVER THE MAIN POINTS OF THESE QUESTIONS



PLEASE READ THROUGH THE DEFINITION AND DECISION RULES CAREFULLY TO ENSURE UNDERSTANDING OF THE QUESTIONING AND RULES



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Caregiver Strain

- Question #17 PTRESIDE asks for the Veteran's place of residence
 1. Lives alone at home
 2. Lives with another person at home
 3. Lives in a Community Residential Care Facility, Assisted Living Facility or nursing home
 4. Lives in a VA medical foster home
 5. Homeless
 99. Unable to determine
- Depending on your answer, the case will proceed to the remaining caregiver strain questions or skip to the Social Work questions module

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Caregiver Strain

- Question #18 CAREGIVR
 - Is there HBPC documentation that identifies a caregiver for the patient?
 - A caregiver is defined as someone providing substantive assistance, i.e., assistance with Activities of Daily Living and/or Instrumental Activities of Daily Living, on an ongoing basis for the Veteran in the Veteran's place of residence
 - The caregiver may be a family member, friend or neighbor who lives with or lives separately from the Veteran

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Caregiver Strain

- If the documentation does not identify a caregiver for the Veteran, question #19 VETCARGIV asks if the HBPC patient serves as a caregiver to another person
 - In order to answer "1" or "Yes", there must be explicit documentation that the HBPC patient serves as the caregiver for the other person
 - For example: "Patient provides care to his wife who has dementia"

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Caregiver Strain

- Question #20 SCRNCARE asks if within the past year, was the caregiver screened for caregiver strain using the Zarit Burden Interview Screening Scale
 - Zarit Burden Interview Screening Scale is a 4-item tool used to assess caregivers for caregiver strain
 - A 12-item and 22-item version of the Zarit Burden may also be accepted
- Enter the date of the most recent caregiver strain screen completed within the past year in question #21 CAREDT

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Caregiver Strain

- Question #22 CARESCOR asks for the outcome of the Zarit Burden screening scale documented in the record
 - 3. Outcome positive (score >=8)
 - 6. Outcome negative (score <=7)
 - 99.No score documented
- If the outcome is not documented, enter "99"
- If the site uses one of the longer versions, the site should document the total score on the 4-item screen

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Caregiver Strain Screening Follow Up

- Question #23 CAREFOLO
 - During the time frame from the date of caregiver screening through 14 days and before the end of the study interval, did the medical record document follow up for the positive caregiver strain screen
- Examples of follow up intervention are included in the definition/decision rules
- If an intervention is offered and refused by the caregiver, select "1"

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Sepsis

- Question #37 LACTDT/LACTM
- Guidance when multiple lactate levels are drawn has been added to the body of the question to improve accuracy of abstraction
 - If multiple lactate levels are drawn within the specified time frame, use the **HIGHEST** lactate level drawn from the *Severe Sepsis Presentation Time* to six hours before. Use a lactate level drawn at the same time as the *Severe Sepsis Presentation Time* if it has the **HIGHEST** level
 - If multiple lactate levels are drawn **ONLY** in the three hours after the *Severe Sepsis Presentation Time*, use the lactate drawn with the **HIGHEST** level within this time frame
- See example on the next slide

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Sepsis Question #37 LACTDT/LACTM Example

- For example: Severe Sepsis Presentation Time = 2/10/2025 @1230
 - Lactate #1 draw time = 2/10/2025 @0947, Result = 2.0mmol/L
 - Lactate #2 draw time = 2/10/2025 @1115, Result = 4.2mmol/L
 - Lactate #3 draw time = 2/10/2025 @1230, Result = 3.4mmol/L
- Use the draw date and time for **Lactate #2 (2/10/2025 @1115, 4.2mmol/L)** which is the highest level within 6 hours prior to Severe Sepsis Presentation Time

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Sepsis

- Question #48 CRYSTL2
 - Sodium Chloride 0.45% has been added to the list of acceptable crystalloid fluids
- There are no additional changes to the Sepsis instrument

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Delirium Risk

Guidance has been added to each of the five delirium risk questions related to the timing of the documentation

- The documentation must have occurred within the first day of admission (by end of Day 1). This includes the day of admission which is defined as Day 0, and the day after admission which is defined as Day 1.

Rules related to acceptable data sources and providers remain unchanged

- Acceptable data sources are limited to:
 - History and Physical
 - ED provider note
 - Admission note documentation
- Acceptable providers include:
 - Physician/APN/PA

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Scoring Changes

- There were no scoring changes to the Colonoscopy Follow-Up (HOP29), CTR, GM, HOP, and Sepsis instruments.
- Changes to scoring for CGPI and HBPC will be covered in the following slides.

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CGPI Scoring Change

- P33 (Breast screen age 45-74 timely per ACS guidelines) has been retired effective FY2025Q3
- Pneumococcal Conjugate 21 (PCV21) has been added to the numerator for the following measures:
 - PVC12 (Pneumococcal immunization age 66 or greater)
 - P24 (pneumococcal immunization refused)

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CGPI Scoring Change

- Question NOTOBUSE5 was added to the algorithm for the following measures:
 - P7 (Screened for tobacco use, NEXUS clinics (pilot measure))
 - Smg8 (Advised to quit)
 - Smg9 (Discussed cessation strategies)
 - Smg10 (Discussed cessation medications)
 - Smg19n (Current tobacco user, non-mental health flag)
 - Smg19mn (Current tobacco user, mental health flag)



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CGPI Scoring Change

- Oracle Health facilities will now be included in the following pilot measure:
 - Smg11 (Tobacco use cessation – tobacco cessation medication prescribed (outpatient))
 - Cases included in the denominator will pass if:
 - During the time frame from 30 days prior to the tobacco use screen date through 14 days after, an FDA approved medication for tobacco use cessation was ordered and/or prescribed for the patient by an acceptable provider



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HBPC Scoring Change

- Two new measures have been added related to caregiver strain screening
 - HC22 (HBPC caregivers who scored ≥ 8 on the 4-item Zarit Burden Interview Screen who received appropriate intervention)
 - HC25 (HBPC patients with a caregiver and the caregiver is screened for caregiver strain using the Zarit Burden Interview Screen)



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HC22 Algorithm Specifications

- **Denominator:**
 - Includes all cases except:
 - Patient lives in a Community Residential Care Facility, Assisted Living Facility, or nursing home or place of residence is unable to be determined
 - The Veteran does not have a caregiver and does not serve as a caregiver to another person
 - The caregiver was not screened or refused to be screened for caregiver strain in the past year
 - The Zarit Burden score was ≤ 7 or no score was documented
- **Numerator:**
 - Of cases included in the denominator, the case will pass if:
 - There is documentation of follow-up of the positive caregiver strain screen on the day of or within 14 days after the screen

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HC25 Algorithm Specifications

- **Denominator:**
 - Includes all cases except:
 - Patient lives in a Community Residential Care Facility, Assisted Living Facility, or nursing home or place of residence is unable to be determined
 - The Veteran does not have a caregiver and does not serve as a caregiver to another person
 - The caregiver refused screening for caregiver strain within the past year
- **Numerator:**
 - Of cases included in the denominator, the case will pass if:
 - The caregiver was screened within the past year using the Zarit Burden Interview Screening Scale

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HBPC Scoring Change

- Pneumococcal Conjugate 21 (PCV21) has been added to the numerator for the following measures:
 - HC57 (Pneumococcal immunization age 66 or greater)
 - HC45 (pneumococcal immunization refused)
- This concludes the instrument and scoring changes for FY2025Q3



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Thank you for viewing the FY2025Q3 update

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