DOCUMENTATION TIPS

MIPS #358: Patient-Centered Surgical Risk Assessment and Communication

Electronic health records (EHRs) collect and organize notes, medication lists, and patient information using various formats. With providers also documenting this information in unique ways, this can potentially cause confusion and an increased timeline for measure mapping with DataDerm. This tip sheet can help you manage reporting requirements for performance measures and streamline standard documentation practices to allow seamless data pull into DataDerm.

The DataDerm team will work with you to connect DataDerm with your EHR to extract data. To make the process as smooth as possible, it helps to document key elements of patient care. DataDerm cannot read scanned images of any kind, including scanned images for labs, letters to physicians, pathology reports, follow-up plans, and dates. If you have scanned images with information needed for your measures, please add a note in your chart with the date and required patient information for this data to be accurately collected.

This tip sheet can assist paper-based practices in standardizing documentation practices. Keeping notes in the patient's paper chart of all documentation requirements will assist you when reporting for this measure.

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For all patients 18 and older having had non-emergency surgery, document clear language that states:

- CPT code for the patient encounter during the reporting period (see measure specifications)
- Note in the medical record whether:
 - A patient-specific risk assessment with a risk calculator was completed by the surgical team prior to surgery
 - The specific risk calculator used should be listed
 - Results from the risk assessment from risk calculator is communicated with the patient and/or family
- The risk assessment should be:
 - A procedure-specific, patient-specific, data-based, and validated risk calculator
- If the patient is not eligible, note in the medical record if applicable:
 - Patient had an emergency surgery (G9752)

Additional Tips:

- Collect **each time** a procedure is performed during the performance period for patients who undergo nonemergency surgical procedures.
- An eligible risk calculator can be found at: http://www.riskcalculator.facs.org/RiskCalculator/
- See measure specifications for additional codes that can assist in seamless measure mapping from your EHR to DataDerm, if applicable (e.g. G9316).



