QUALITY MEASURE TIP SHEET: Indwelling Catheter—Long Stay

Quality Measure Overview

This measure reports the percentage of residents who have had an indwelling catheter at any time during the last seven days.

- This measure will trigger if on the Minimum Data Set (MDS) the following is checked:
  - Indwelling Catheter (including suprapubic and nephrostomy tube)

Exclusions:
- This measure will not be triggered if the target assessment is a(n):
  - Admission assessment.

MDS Coding Requirements

In the Minimum Data Set (MDS):
- Include look-back period of seven days.
- Code H0100 for indwelling catheter (including suprapubic and nephrostomy tube).
  - Indwelling catheter: A catheter maintained in the bladder for the purpose of continuous drainage of urine.
  - Suprapubic catheter: An indwelling catheter placed by a urologist directly into the bladder through the abdomen, usually when there is an obstruction of urine flow through the urethra.
  - Nephrostomy tube: A catheter inserted through the skin into the kidney in individuals with an abnormality of the ureter or bladder.

Ask These Questions ...

- Was the MDS coded as per the Resident Assessment Instrument requirements?
- Did the resident have a diagnosis of neurogenic bladder and/or obstructive neuropathy, and was this checked in Section I of the MDS?
- Is it possible to obtain an appropriate diagnosis to support the catheter use?
- Is it possible to complete post-void residuals or straight catheterization to eliminate the use of the indwelling catheter?
- How does the facility monitor the healing process and the need to eliminate the catheter if it is used to maintain skin integrity or comfort?
- How are staff members monitored for proficiency in perineal-/catheter-care to avoid urinary tract infections?

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