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Quality Indicators for Care of Medicare Beneficiaries 1998-2001

Clinical Topic	Quality Indicators	Outcome Goals
Heart Attack	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASA 24 hrs: Aspirin within 24 hrs. of admittance • ASA disc: Aspirin prescribed at discharge • Beta 24 hrs: Admin of Beta blockers within 24 hrs • Beta disc: Beta Blockers prescribed at discharge • ACEI in AMI: ACE inhibitors at discharge for low left ventricular ejection fraction • Smoking: Smoking cessation counseling during hospitalization 	Reductions in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inpatient mortality rates • Mortality rates at 30 days • Mortality rates at 1 year • Readmission rates with AMI
Heart Failure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LVEF: Evaluation of left ventricular ejection fraction • ACEI in HF: ACE Inhibitor at discharge for patients with left ventricular ejection fraction 	Reductions in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inpatient mortality rates • Readmission rates w/ CHF
Stroke	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Antithromb: Antithrombotic at discharge for patients with acute stroke or TIA • Afib: Warfarin prescribed for patients with atrial fibrillation • Nifedipine: Avoidance of sublingual nifedipine for patients with acute stroke 	Reductions in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inpatient mortality rates • Mortality rates at 30 days • Readmission rates with stroke/TIA
Pneumonia Flu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Antib 8hrs: Antibiotic within 8 hours of hospital arrival • Antib RX: Antibiotic consistent with recommendations • Bl cult: Blood culture <i>before</i> antibiotics are administered • Pneu Screen: Patient screened for or given Pneumonia vaccine • Flu Screen: Patient screened for or given flu vaccine • Pneu Imm: Pneumonia vaccine given at least once a year • Flu Imm: Flu vaccine every year 	Reductions in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hospital admission rates • Hospital readmission rates • Inpatient mortality rates • Mortality rates at 30 days
Breast Cancer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mammo: Mammogram at least every two years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased early detection
Diabetes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eye Exam: Eye exam at least every two years • HbA1c: HbA1c testing at least every year • Lipid: Lipid profile at least every two years 	Reductions in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mortality rates at 1 year • Rate of development of diabetic retinopathy and ESRD