**Measure EDTC-7**

**Measure Information Form**

**Measure Set:** ED Transfer Communication (EDTC)

**Set Measure ID#:** EDTC-7

**Performance Measure Name:** Procedures and Tests

**Description:** Patients who are transferred from an ED to another healthcare facility have communication with the receiving facility within 60 minutes of discharge of tests done and results sent.

**Rationale:** Timely, accurate and direct communication facilitates the handoff to the receiving facility provides continuity of care and avoids medical errors and redundant tests.

**Type of Measure:** Process

**Improvement Noted As:** An increase in the rate

**Numerator Statement:** Number of patients transferred to another healthcare facility whose medical record documentation indicated that all of the elements were communicated to the receiving hospital within 60 minutes of discharge.

* Tests and procedures done
* Tests and procedure results sent

**Denominator Statement:** Transfers from an ED to another healthcare facility

**Included Population:**  All transfers from an ED to another healthcare facility

**Excluded Populations:** None

**Calculation:**

Rate = # of patients who have a yes or NA for all measures: test and procedures done and test and   
Rate = procedure results sent

All transfers from ED to another healthcare facility

**Risk Adjustment:** No

**Data Collection Approach:** Retrospective data sources for required data elements include administrative data and medical records.

**Measure Analysis Suggestions:** The data elements for each of the two communication elements provide the opportunity to assess each component individually.

**Sampling:** Yes, please refer to the measure set specific sampling requirements. See the Population and Sampling Specifications Section.

**Data Element Name:**

*Tests/Procedures Performed*

**Collected For:** Emergency Department Records: EDTC-7

**Definition:** For this question, “sent” refers to medical record documentation that indicates information went with the patient or was communicated via fax or phone or internet/Electronic Health Record connection availability within 60 minutes of the patient’s discharge.

**Suggested Data Collection Question:** Does the medical record documentation indicate a list of all tests and procedures done in the ED?

**Allowable Values:**

Y (Yes) Select this option if there is documentation that a list of all tests and procedures completed in the ED prior to transfer was sent to the receiving facility.

N (No) Select this option if there is no documentation that information on all tests and procedures completed in the ED prior to transfer was sent to the receiving facility.

NA (Not Applicable) Select this option if no tests or procedures were done.

**Notes for Abstraction:**

* If test or procedure results were sent select yes.
* If no tests or procedures were done select NA.

**Suggested Data Sources:**

* Emergency Department record
* Lab documentation
* Transfer Summary document

**Inclusion Guidelines for Abstraction:**

* Lab work ordered
* X-rays
* Procedures performed

**Exclusion Guidelines for Abstraction:**

None

**Data Element Name:**

*Tests/Procedure Results*

**Collected For:** Emergency Department Records: EDTC-7

**Definition:** For this question, “sent” refers to medical record documentation that indicates information went with the patient or was communicated via fax or phone or internet/Electronic Health Record connection availability within 60 minutes of the patient’s discharge.

**Suggested Data Collection Question:** Does the medical record documentation indicate that results were sent from all completed tests and procedures done in the ED?

**Allowable Values:**

Y (Yes) Select this option if there is documentation of results being sent either with the patient or communicated to the receiving facility when available.

N (No) Select this option if there is no documentation of results being sent either with the patient or communicated to the receiving facility when available.

NA (Not Applicable) Select this option if no tests or procedures were done.

**Notes for Abstraction:**

If results are not available at the time of transfer then the documentation needs to reflect that the results are not available and indicate what is the plan to communicate them to the receiving facility when they are available e.g. the nurse will call them when completed or they will be available in the EHR when complete. Every test/procedure done should either have the results done, or this documentation stating that it is not available, or plan for communication.

**Suggested Data Sources:**

* Emergency Department record
* Lab documentation
* Transfer Summary document

**Inclusion Guidelines for Abstraction:**

* Lab results
* X-ray results
* Procedure results

**Exclusion Guidelines for Abstraction:**

None