# **Hospital Equity Measures Report**

### **General Information**

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Hospital Name: UCI HEALTH-FOUNTAIN VALLEY

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Hospital Location with Clean Water and Air: Y

Hospital Web Address for Equity Report: https://www.ucihealth.org/

### Overview

Assembly Bill No. 1204 requires the Department of Health Care Access and Information (HCAI) to develop and administer a Hospital Equity Measures Reporting Program to collect and post summaries of key hospital performance and patient outcome data regarding sociodemographic information, including but not limited to age, sex, race/ethnicity, payor type, language, disability status, and sexual orientation and gender identity.

Hospitals (general acute, children's, and acute psychiatric) and hospital systems are required to annually submit their reports to HCAI. These reports contain summaries of each measure, the top 10 disparities, and the equity plans to address the identified disparities. HCAI is required to maintain a link on the HCAI website that provides access to the content of hospital equity measures reports and equity plans to the public. All submitted hospitals are required to post their reports on their websites, as well.

# **Laws and Regulations**

For more information on Assembly Bill No. 1204, please visit the following link by copying and pasting the URL into your web browser:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill\_id=202120220AB1204

# **Hospital Equity Measures**

## **Joint Commission Accreditation**

General acute care hospitals are required to report three structural measures based on the Commission Accreditation's Health Care Disparities Reduction and Patient-Centered Communication Accreditation Standards. For more information on these measures, please visit the following link by copying and pasting the URL into your web browser:

https://www.jointcommission.org/standards/r3-report/r3-report-issue-36-new-requirements-to-reduce -health-care-disparities/

The first two structural measures are scored as "yes" or "no"; the third structural measure comprises the percentages of patients by five categories of preferred languages spoken, in addition to one other/unknown language category.

Designate an individual to lead hospital health equity activities (Y = Yes, N = No).

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Provide documentation of policy prohibiting discrimination (Y = Yes, N = No).

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Number of patients that were asked their preferred language, five defined categories and one other/unknown languages category.

55811

Table 1. Summary of preferred languages reported by patients.

Languages	Number of patients who report preferring language	Total number of patients	Percentage of total patients who report preferring language (%)
English Language	35475	55811	63.6
Spanish Language	11075	55811	19.8
Asian Pacific Islander Languages	8696	55811	15.6
Middle Eastern Languages	265	55811	0.5
American Sign Language	suppressed	55811	suppressed
Other Languages	suppressed	55811	suppressed

# Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Hospital Commitment to Health Equity Structural (HCHE) Measure

There are five domains that make up the CMS Hospital Commitment to HCHE measures. Each domain is scored as "yes" or "no." In order to score "yes," a general acute care hospital is required to confirm all the domain's attestations. Lack of one or more of the attestations results in a score of "no." For more information on the CMS Hospital Commitment to HCHE measures, please visit the following link by copying and pasting the URL into your web browser:

https://data.cms.gov/provider-data/topics/hospitals/health-equity

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Hospital Commitment to Health Equity Structural (HCHE) Measure Domain 1: Strategic Planning (Yes/No)

- Our hospital strategic plan identifies priority populations who currently experience health disparities.
- Our hospital strategic plan identifies healthcare equity goals and discrete action steps to achieve these goals.
- Our hospital strategic plan outlines specific resources that have been dedicated to achieving our equity goals.
- Our hospital strategic plan describes our approach for engaging key stakeholders, such as community-based organizations.

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### CMS HCHE Measure Domain 2: Data Collection (Yes/No)

- Our hospital strategic plan identifies healthcare equity goals and discrete action steps to achieve these goals.
- Our hospital has training for staff in culturally sensitive collection of demographics and/or social determinant of health information.

• Our hospital inputs demographic and/or social determinant of health information collected from patients into structured, interoperable data elements using a certified electronic health record (EHR) technology.

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## CMS HCHE Measure Domain 3: Data Analysis (Yes/No)

• Our hospital stratifies key performance indicators by demographic and/or social determinants of health variables to identify equity gaps and includes this information in hospital performance dashboards.

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### CMS HCHE Measure Domain 4: Quality Improvement (Yes/No)

• Our hospital participates in local, regional or national quality improvement activities focused on reducing health disparities.

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### CMS HCHE Measure Domain 5: Leadership Engagement (Yes/No)

- Our hospital senior leadership, including chief executives and the entire hospital board of trustees, annually reviews our strategic plan for achieving health equity.
- Our hospital senior leadership, including chief executives and the entire hospital board of trustees, annually review key performance indicators stratified by demographic and/or social factors.

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## Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Social Drivers of Health (SDOH)

General acute care hospitals are required to report on rates of screenings and intervention rates among patients above 18 years old for five health related social needs (HRSN), which are food insecurity, housing instability, transportation problems, utility difficulties, and interpersonal safety. These rates are reported separately as being screened as positive for any of the five HRSNs, positive for each individual HRSN, and the intervention rate for each positively screened HRSN. For more information on the CMS SDOH, please visit the following link by copying and pasting the URL into your web browser:

https://www.cms.gov/priorities/innovation/key-concepts/social-drivers-health-and-health-related-social-needs

Number of patients admitted to an inpatient hospital stay who are 18 years or older on the date of admission and are screened for all of the five HRSN

7595

Total number of patients who are admitted to a hospital inpatient stay and who are 18 years or older on the date of admission

12429

Rate of patients admitted for an inpatient hospital stay who are 18 years or older on the date of admission, were screened for an HRSN, and who screened positive for one or more of the HRSNs NA

Table 2. Positive screening rates and intervention rates for the five Health Related Social Needs of the Centers of Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Social Drivers of Health (SDOH).

Social Driver of Health	Number of positive screenings	Rate of positive screenings (%)	Number of positive screenings who received intervention	Rate of positive screenings who received intervention (%)
Food Insecurity	102	1	0	
Housing Instability	574	8	0	
Transportation Problems	58	1	0	
Utility Difficulties	48	1	0	
Interpersonal Safety	53	1	0	

## **Core Quality Measures for General Acute Care Hospitals**

There are two quality measures from the Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS) survey. For more information on the HCAHPS survey, please visit the following link by copying and pasting the URL into your web browser: https://hcahpsonline.org/en/survey-instruments/

## **Patient Recommends Hospital**

The first HCAHPS quality measure is the percentage of patients who would recommend the hospital to friends and family. For this measure, general acute care hospitals provide the percentage of patient respondents who responded "probably yes" or "definitely yes" to whether they would recommend the hospital, the percentage of the people who responded to the survey (i.e., the response rate), and the inputs for the percentages. The percentages and inputs are stratified by race and/or ethnicity, non-maternal age categories, sex, payer type, preferred language, disability status, sexual orientation, and gender identity. The corresponding HCAHPS question number is 19.

Number of respondents who replied "probably yes" or "definitely yes" to HCAHPS Question 19, "Would you recommend this hospital to your friends and family?"

698

Total number of respondents to HCAHPS Question 19 802

Percentage of total respondents who responded "probably yes" or "definitely yes" to HCAHPS Question 19

87

Total number of people surveyed on HCAHPS Question 19 6169

Response rate, or the percentage of people who responded to HCAHPS Question 19

Table 3. Patient recommends hospital by race and/or ethnicity, non-maternal age categories, sex, payer type, preferred language, disability status, sexual orientation, and gender identity.

Race and/or Ethnicity	Number of "probably yes" or "definitely yes" responses	Total number of responses	Percent of "probably yes" or "definitely yes" responses (%)	Total number of patients surveyed	Response rate of patients surveyed (%)
American Indian or Alaska Native					
Asian					
Black or African American					
Hispanic or Latino					
Middle Eastern or North African					
Multiracial and/or Multiethnic (two or more races)					
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander					
White					
Ago	Number of "probably yes" or "definitely yes" responses	Total number	Percent of "probably yes" or "definitely yes" responses (%)	Total number of patients surveyed	Response rate of patients
Age Age < 18	yes responses	of responses	yes responses (%)	Sui veyeu	surveyed (%)
Age 18 to 34					
Age 35 to 49					
Age 50 to 64					
Age 65 Years and Older					
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	Number of "probably yes" or "definitely	Total number	Percent of "probably yes" or "definitely	Total number of patients	Response rate of patients
Sex assigned at birth	yes" responses	of responses	yes" responses (%)	surveyed	surveyed (%)
Female					
Male					
Unknown					
Payer Type	Number of "probably yes" or "definitely yes" responses	Total number of responses	Percent of "probably yes" or "definitely yes" responses (%)	Total number of patients surveyed	Response rate of patients surveyed (%)
Medicare	,		yee respenses (ve)		
Medicaid					
Private					
Self-Pay					
Other					
	Number of "probably		Percent of "probably	Total number	Response rate
Preferred Language	yes" or "definitely yes" responses	Total number of responses	yes" or "definitely yes" responses (%)	of patients surveyed	of patients surveyed (%)
English Language					
Spanish Language					
Asian Pacific Islander Languages					
Middle Eastern Languages					
American Sign Language					
Other/Unknown Languages					

Disability Status	Number of "probably yes" or "definitely yes" responses	Total number of responses	Percent of "probably yes" or "definitely yes" responses (%)	Total number of patients surveyed	Response rate of patients surveyed (%)
Does not have a disability					
Has a mobility disability					
Has a cognition disability					
Has a hearing disability					
Has a vision disability					
Has a self-care disability					
Has an independent living disability					
Sexual Orientation	Number of "probably yes" or "definitely yes" responses	Total number of responses	Percent of "probably yes" or "definitely yes" responses (%)	Total number of patients surveyed	Response rate of patients surveyed (%)
Lesbian, gay or homosexual					
Straight or heterosexual					
Bisexual					
Something else					
Don't know					
Not disclosed					
Gender Identity	Number of "probably yes" or "definitely yes" responses	Total number of responses	Percent of "probably yes" or "definitely yes" responses (%)	Total number of patients surveyed	Response rate of patients surveyed (%)
Female					
Female-to-male (FTM)/ transgender male/trans man					
Male					
Male-to-female (MTF)/ transgender female/trans					
Non-conforming gender					
Additional gender category or other					

# **Patient Received Information in Writing**

The second HCAHPS quality measure is the percentage of patients who reported receiving information in writing on symptoms and health problems to look out for after leaving the hospital. General acute care hospitals are required to provide the percentage of patient respondents who responded "yes" to being provided written information, the percentage of the people who responded to the survey (i.e., the response rate), and the inputs for these percentages. These percentages and inputs are stratified by race and/or ethnicity, non-maternal age categories, sex, payer type, preferred language, disability status, sexual orientation, and gender identity. The corresponding HCAHPS question number is 17.

Number of respondents who replied "yes" to HCAHPS Question 17, "During this hospital stay, did you get information in writing about what symptoms or health problems to look out for after you left the

hospital?" 658

Total number of respondents to HCAHPS Question 17 802

Percentage of respondents who responded "yes" to HCAHPS Question 17 82

Total number of people surveyed on HCAHPS Question 17 6169

Response rate, or the percentage of people who responded to HCAHPS Question 17

Table 4. Patient reports receiving information in writing about symptoms or health problems by race and/or ethnicity, non-maternal age categories, sex, payer type, preferred language, disability status, sexual orientation, and gender identity.

Race and/or Ethnicity	Number of "yes" responses	Total number of responses	Percentage of "yes" responses (%)	Total number of patients surveyed	Response rate of patients surveyed (%)
American Indian or Alaska Native					
Asian					
Black or African American					
Hispanic or Latino					
Middle Eastern or North African					
Multiracial and/or Multiethnic (two or more races)					
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander					
White					
Age	Number of "yes" responses	Total number of responses	Percentage of "yes" responses (%)	Total number of patients surveyed	Response rate of patients surveyed (%)
Age < 18	•	•	. ,		, ,
Age 18 to 34					
Age 35 to 49					
Age 50 to 64					
Age 65 Years and Older					
Sex assigned at birth	Number of "yes" responses	Total number of responses	Percentage of "yes" responses (%)	Total number of patients surveyed	Response rate of patients surveyed (%)
Female					
Male					
Unknown					

Payer Type	Number of "yes" responses	Total number of responses	Percentage of "yes" responses (%)	Total number of patients surveyed	Response rate of patients surveyed (%)
Medicare					
Medicaid					
Private					
Self-Pay					
Other					
Preferred Language	Number of "yes" responses	Total number of responses	Percentage of "yes" responses (%)	Total number of patients surveyed	Response rate of patients surveyed (%)
English Language					
Spanish Language					
Asian Pacific Islander Languages					
Middle Eastern Languages					
American Sign					
Other/Unknown Languages					
Disability Status	Number of "yes" responses	Total number of responses	Percentage of "yes" responses (%)	Total number of patients surveyed	Response rate of patients surveyed (%)
Does not have a disability					
Has a mobility disability					
Has a cognition					
Has a hearing disability					
Has a vision disability					
Has a self-care					
Has an independent living disability					
Sexual Orientation	Number of "yes" responses	Total number of responses	Percentage of "yes" responses (%)	Total number of patients surveyed	Response rate of patients surveyed (%)
Lesbian, gay or homosexual					
Straight or heterosexual					
Bisexual					
Something else					
Don't know					
Not disclosed					

Gender Identity	Number of "yes" responses	Total number of responses	Percentage of "yes" responses (%)	Total number of patients surveyed	Response rate of patients surveyed (%)
Female					
Female-to-male (FTM)/ transgender male/trans man					
Male					
Male-to-female (MTF)/ transgender female/ trans woman					
Non-conforming gender					
Additional gender category or other					
Not disclosed					

## Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) Indicators

General acute care hospitals are required to report on two indicators from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ). For general information about AHRQ indicators, please visit the following link by copying and pasting the URL into your web browser: https://qualityindicators.ahrq.gov/

## **Pneumonia Mortality Rate**

The Pneumonia Mortality Rate is defined as the rate of in-hospital deaths per 1,000 hospital discharges with a principal diagnosis of pneumonia or a principal diagnosis of sepsis with a secondary diagnosis of pneumonia present on admission for patients ages 18 years and older. General acute care hospitals report the Pneumonia Mortality Rate by race and/or ethnicity, non-maternal age categories, sex, payer type, preferred language, disability status, sexual orientation, and gender identity. The corresponding AHRQ Inpatient Quality Indicator is 20. For more information about this indicator, please visit the following link by copying and pasting the URL into your web browser: https://qualityindicators.ahrq.gov/Downloads/Modules/IQI/V2023/TechSpecs/IQI\_20\_Pneumonia\_Mortality\_Rate.pdf

Number of in-hospital deaths with a principal diagnosis of pneumonia or a principal diagnosis of sepsis with a secondary diagnosis of pneumonia present on admission

35

Total number of hospital discharges with a principal diagnosis of pneumonia or a principal diagnosis of sepsis with a secondary diagnosis of pneumonia present on admission

561

Rate of in-hospital deaths per 1,000 hospital discharges with a principal diagnosis of pneumonia or a principal diagnosis of sepsis with a secondary diagnosis of pneumonia present on admission 62.4

Table 5. Pneumonia Mortality Rate by race and/or ethnicity, non-maternal age categories, sex, payer type, preferred language, disability status, sexual orientation, and gender identity.

Race and/or Ethnicity	Number of in-hospital deaths that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria	Number of hospital discharges that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria	Rate of in-hospital deaths per 1,000 hospital discharges that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria (%)
American Indian or Alaska Native			
Asian	11	250	44
Black or African American	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Hispanic or Latino	14	126	111.1
Middle Eastern or North African			
Multiracial and/or Multiethnic (two or more			
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
White	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Age	Number of in-hospital deaths that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria	Number of hospital discharges that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria	Rate of in-hospital deaths per 1,000 hospital discharges that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria (%)
Age < 18			
Age 18 to 34	0	19	0
Age 35 to 49	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Age 50 to 64	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Age 65 Years and Older	32	383	83.6
Sex assigned at birth	Number of in-hospital deaths that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria	Number of hospital discharges that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria	Rate of in-hospital deaths per 1,000 hospital discharges that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria (%)
Female	19	252	75.4
Male	16	309	51.8
Unknown			
Payer Type	Number of in-hospital deaths that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria	Number of hospital discharges that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria	Rate of in-hospital deaths per 1,000 hospital discharges that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria (%)
Medicare	31	361	85.9
Medicaid	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Private	0	47	0
Self-Pay	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Other	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed

Preferred Language	Number of in-hospital deaths that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria	Number of hospital discharges that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria	Rate of in-hospital deaths per 1,000 hospital discharges that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria (%)
English Language	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Spanish Language	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Asian Pacific Islander Languages	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Middle Eastern Languages	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
American Sign Language	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Other/Unknown Languages	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Disability Status	Number of in-hospital deaths that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria	Number of hospital discharges that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria	Rate of in-hospital deaths per 1,000 hospital discharges that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria (%)
Does not have a disability			
Has a mobility disability			
Has a cognition disability			
Has a hearing disability			
Has a vision disability			
Has a self-care disability			
Has an independent living disability			
Sexual Orientation	Number of in-hospital deaths that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria	Number of hospital discharges that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria	Rate of in-hospital deaths per 1,000 hospital discharges that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria (%)
Lesbian, gay or homosexual			
Straight or heterosexual			
Bisexual			
Something else			
Don't know			
Not disclosed			
Gender Identity	Number of in-hospital deaths that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria	Number of hospital discharges that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria	Rate of in-hospital deaths per 1,000 hospital discharges that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria (%)
Female			
Female-to-male (FTM)/ transgender male/trans man			
Male			
Male-to-female (MTF)/ transgender female/trans woman			
Non-conforming gender			
Additional gender category or other			
Not disclosed			

## **Death Rate among Surgical Inpatients with Serious Treatable Complications**

The Death Rate among Surgical Inpatients with Serious Treatable Complications is defined as the rate of in-hospital deaths per 1,000 surgical discharges among patients ages 18-89 years old or obstetric patients with serious treatable complications. General acute care hospitals report this measure by race and/or ethnicity, non-maternal age categories, sex, payer type, preferred language, disability status, sexual orientation, and gender identity. The corresponding AHRQ Patient Safety Indicator is 04. For more information about this indicator, please visit the following link by copying and pasting the URL into your web browser:

https://qualityindicators.ahrq.gov/Downloads/Modules/PSI/V2023/TechSpecs/ PSI\_04\_Death\_Rate\_among\_Surgical\_Inpatients\_with\_Serious\_Treatable\_Complications.pdf

Number of in-hospital deaths among patients aged 18-89 years old or obstetric patients with serious treatable complications

19

Total number of surgical discharges among patients aged 18-89 years old or obstetric patients 107

Rate of in-hospital deaths per 1,000 surgical discharges, among patients aged 18-89 years old or obstetric patients with serious treatable complications

177.6

Table 6. Death Rate among Surgical Inpatients with Serious Treatable Complications by race and/or ethnicity, non-maternal age categories, sex, payer type, preferred language, disability status, sexual orientation, and gender identity.

Race and/or Ethnicity	Number of in-hospital deaths that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria	Number of surgical discharges that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria	Rate of in-hospital deaths per 1,000 hospital discharges that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria (%)
American Indian or Alaska Native			
Asian	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Black or African American	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Hispanic or Latino	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Middle Eastern or North African			
Multiracial and/or Multiethnic (two or more			
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
White	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Age	Number of in-hospital deaths that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria	Number of surgical discharges that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria	Rate of in-hospital deaths per 1,000 hospital discharges that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria (%)
Age < 18			
Age 18 to 34	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Age 35 to 49	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Age 50 to 64	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Age 65 Years and Older	12	60	200

	Number of in-hospital	Number of surgical	Rate of in-hospital deaths per 1,000
Sex assigned at birth	deaths that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria	discharges that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria	hospital discharges that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria (%)
Female	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Male	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Unknown			
Payer Type	Number of in-hospital deaths that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria	Number of surgical discharges that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria	Rate of in-hospital deaths per 1,000 hospital discharges that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria (%)
Medicare	14	57	245.6
Medicaid	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Private	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Self-Pay			
Other	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Preferred Language	Number of in-hospital deaths that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria	Number of surgical discharges that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria	Rate of in-hospital deaths per 1,000 hospital discharges that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria (%)
English Language	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Spanish Language	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Asian Pacific Islander Languages	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Middle Eastern Languages	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
American Sign Language			
Other/Unknown Languages			
Disability Status	Number of in-hospital deaths that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria	Number of surgical discharges that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria	Rate of in-hospital deaths per 1,000 hospital discharges that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria (%)
Does not have a disability			
Has a mobility disability			
Has a cognition disability			
Has a hearing disability			
Has a vision disability			
Has a self-care disability			
Has an independent living disability			
Sexual Orientation	Number of in-hospital deaths that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria	Number of surgical discharges that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria	Rate of in-hospital deaths per 1,000 hospital discharges that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria (%)
Lesbian, gay or homosexual			
Straight or heterosexual			
Bisexual			
Something else			
Don't know			
Not disclosed			

Gender Identity	Number of in-hospital deaths that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria	Number of surgical discharges that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria	Rate of in-hospital deaths per 1,000 hospital discharges that meet the inclusion/exclusion criteria (%)
Female			
Female-to-male (FTM)/ transgender male/trans man			
Male			
Male-to-female (MTF)/ transgender female/trans woman			
Non-conforming gender			
Additional gender category or other			
Not disclosed	,		

# California Maternal Quality Care Collaborative (CMQCC) Core Quality Measures

There are three core quality maternal measures adopted from the California Maternal Quality Care Collaborative (CMQCC).

## CMQCC Nulliparous, Term, Singleton, Vertex (NTSV) Cesarean Birth Rate

The CMQCC Nulliparous, Term, Singleton, Vertex (NTSV) Cesarean Birth Rate is defined as nulliparous women with a term (at least 37 weeks gestation), singleton baby in a vertex position delivered by cesarian birth. General acute care hospitals report the NTSV Cesarean Birth Rate by race and/or ethnicity, maternal age categories, sex, payer type, preferred language, disability status, sexual orientation, and gender identity. For more information, please visit the following link by copying and pasting the URL into your web browser:

https://www.cmqcc.org/quality-improvement-toolkits/supporting-vaginal-birth/ntsv-cesarean-birth-measure-specifications

Number of NTSV patients with Cesarean deliveries

185

583

Total number of nulliparous NTSV patients

Rate of NTSV patients with Cesarean deliveries

0.317

Table 7. Nulliparous, Term, Singleton, Vertex (NTSV) Cesarean Birth Rate by race and/or ethnicity, maternal age categories, sex, payer type, preferred language, disability status, sexual orientation, and gender identity.

Race and/or Ethnicity	Number of NTSV patients with cesarean deliveries	Total number of NTSV patients	Rate of NTSV patients with Cesarean deliveries (%)
American Indian or Alaska Native	0		
Asian	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Black or African American	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Hispanic or Latino	100	303	0.33
Middle Eastern or North African			
Multiracial and/or Multiethnic (two or more races)	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
White	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Age	Number of NTSV patients with cesarean deliveries	Total number of NTSV patients	Rate of NTSV patients with Cesarean deliveries (%)
Age < 18	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Age 18 to 29	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Age 30 to 39	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Age 40 Years and Older	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Sex assigned at birth	Number of NTSV patients with cesarean deliveries	Total number of NTSV patients	Rate of NTSV patients with Cesarean deliveries (%)
Female			
Male			
Unknown			
Payer Type	Number of NTSV patients with cesarean deliveries	Total number of NTSV patients	Rate of NTSV patients with Cesarean deliveries (%)
Medicare	0		
Medicaid	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Private	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Self-Pay	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Other	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Preferred Language	Number of NTSV patients with cesarean deliveries	Total number of NTSV patients	Rate of NTSV patients with Cesarean deliveries (%)
English Language	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Spanish Language	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Asian Pacific Islander Languages	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Middle Eastern Languages	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
American Sign Language	0		
Other/Unknown Languages	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed

Disability Status	Number of NTSV patients with cesarean deliveries	Total number of NTSV patients	Rate of NTSV patients with Cesarean deliveries (%)
Does not have a disability			
Has a mobility disability			
Has a cognition disability			
Has a hearing disability			
Has a vision disability			
Has a self-care disability			
Has an independent living disability			
Sexual Orientation	Number of NTSV patients with cesarean deliveries	Total number of NTSV patients	Rate of NTSV patients with Cesarean deliveries (%)
Lesbian, gay or homosexual			
Straight or heterosexual			
Bisexual			
Something else			
Don't know			
Not disclosed			
Gender Identity	Number of NTSV patients with cesarean deliveries	Total number of NTSV patients	Rate of NTSV patients with Cesarean deliveries (%)
Female			
Female-to-male (FTM)/transgender male/ trans man			
Male			
Male-to-female (MTF)/transgender female/ trans woman			
Non-conforming gender			
Additional gender category or other			
Not disclosed			

# **CMQCC Vaginal Birth After Cesarean (VBAC) Rate**

The CMQCC Vaginal Birth After Cesarean (VBAC) Rate is defined as vaginal births per 1,000 deliveries by patients with previous Cesarean deliveries. General acute care hospitals report the VBAC Rate by race and/or ethnicity, maternal age categories, sex, payer type, preferred language, disability status, sexual orientation, and gender identity. The VBAC Rate uses the specifications of AHRQ Inpatient Quality Indicator 22. For more information, please visit the following link by copying and pasting the URL into your web browser:

https://qualityindicators.ahrq.gov/Downloads/Modules/IQI/V2023/TechSpecs/IQI\_22\_Vaginal\_Birth\_After\_Cesarean\_(VBAC)\_Delivery\_Rate\_Uncomplicated.pdf

Number of vaginal delivery among cases with previous Cesarean delivery that meet the inclusion and exclusion criteria

30

Total number of birth discharges with previous Cesarean delivery that meet the inclusion and exclusion criteria

244
Rate of vaginal delivery per 1,000 deliveries by patients with previous Cesarean deliveries 123

Table 8. Vaginal Birth After Cesarean (VBAC) Rate by race and/or ethnicity, maternal age categories, sex, payer type, preferred language, disability status, sexual orientation, and gender identity.

Race and/or Ethnicity	Number of vaginal deliveries with previous Cesarean delivery	Total number of birth discharges with previous Cesarean delivery	Rate of vaginal delivery per 1,000 deliveries by patients with previous Cesarean deliveries (%)
American Indian or Alaska Native	0		
Asian	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Black or African American	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Hispanic or Latino	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Middle Eastern or North African			
Multiracial and/or Multiethnic (two or more races)	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Native Hawaiian or Pacific	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
White	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Age	Number of vaginal deliveries with previous Cesarean delivery	Total number of birth discharges with previous Cesarean delivery	Rate of vaginal delivery per 1,000 deliveries by patients with previous Cesarean deliveries (%)
Age < 18	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Age 18 to 29	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Age 30 to 39	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Age 40 Years and Older	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Sex assigned at birth	Number of vaginal deliveries with previous Cesarean delivery	Total number of birth discharges with previous Cesarean delivery	Rate of vaginal delivery per 1,000 deliveries by patients with previous Cesarean deliveries (%)
Female			
Male			
Unknown			
Payer Type	Number of vaginal deliveries with previous Cesarean delivery	Total number of birth discharges with previous Cesarean delivery	Rate of vaginal delivery per 1,000 deliveries by patients with previous Cesarean deliveries (%)
Medicare	0		
Medicaid	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Private	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Self-Pay	0	19	0
Other	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed

Preferred Language	Number of vaginal deliveries with previous Cesarean delivery	Total number of birth discharges with previous Cesarean delivery	Rate of vaginal delivery per 1,000 deliveries by patients with previous Cesarean deliveries (%)
English Language	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Spanish Language	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Asian Pacific Islander Languages	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Middle Eastern Languages	0		
American Sign Language	0		
Other/Unknown Languages	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Disability Status	Number of vaginal deliveries with previous Cesarean delivery	Total number of birth discharges with previous Cesarean delivery	Rate of vaginal delivery per 1,000 deliveries by patients with previous Cesarean deliveries (%)
Does not have a disability			
Has a mobility disability			
Has a cognition disability			
Has a hearing disability			
Has a vision disability			
Has a self-care disability			
Has an independent living			
Sexual Orientation	Number of vaginal deliveries with previous Cesarean delivery	Total number of birth discharges with previous Cesarean delivery	Rate of vaginal delivery per 1,000 deliveries by patients with previous Cesarean deliveries (%)
Lesbian, gay or homosexual			
Straight or heterosexual			
Bisexual			
Something else			
Don't know			
Not disclosed			
	Number of vaginal deliveries with previous	Total number of birth discharges with previous	Rate of vaginal delivery per 1,000 deliveries by patients with
Gender Identity	Cesarean delivery	Cesarean delivery	previous Cesarean deliveries (%)
Female (FTM)			
Female-to-male (FTM)/ transgender male/trans man			
Male			
Male-to-female (MTF)/transgender female/trans woman			
Non-conforming gender			
Additional gender category or			
Not disclosed			

# **CMQCC Exclusive Breast Milk Feeding Rate**

The CMQCC Exclusive Breast Milk Feeding Rate is defined as the newborns per 100 who reached at least 37 weeks of gestation (or 3000g if gestational age is missing) who received breast milk

exclusively during their stay at the hospital. Other criteria are that the newborns did not go to the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU), transfer, or die, did not reflect multiple gestation, and did not have codes for parenteral nutrition or galactosemia. General acute care hospitals report the Exclusive Breast Milk Feeding Rate by race and/or ethnicity, maternal age categories, sex, payer type, preferred language, disability status, sexual orientation, and gender identity. The CMQCC Exclusive Breast Milk Feeding Rate uses the Joint Commission National Quality Measure PC-05. For more information, please visit the following link by copying and pasting the URL into your web browser: https://manual.jointcommission.org/releases/TJC2024B/MIF0170.html

Number of newborn cases that were exclusively fed breast milk during their hospital stay and meet the inclusion and exclusion criteria

185

Total number of newborn cases born in the hospital that meet the inclusion and exclusion criteria 488

Rate of newborn cases per 100 that were exclusively fed breast milk during their hospital stay and meet the inclusion and exclusion criteria

37.9

Table 9. Exclusive Breast Milk Feeding Rate by race and/or ethnicity, maternal age categories, sex, payer type, preferred language, disability status, sexual orientation, and gender identity.

Race and/or Ethnicity	Number of newborn cases that were exclusively breastfed and meet inclusion/exclusion criteria	Total number of newborn cases born in the hospital that meet inclusion/ exclusion criteria	Rate of newborn cases per 100 that were exclusively breastfed and met inclusion/ exclusion criteria (%)
American Indian or Alaska Native	0		
Asian	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Black or African American	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Hispanic or Latino	103	275	37.5
Middle Eastern or North African			
Multiracial and/or Multiethnic (two or more races)	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Native Hawaiian or Pacific	0		
White	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Age	Number of newborn cases that were exclusively breastfed and meet inclusion/exclusion criteria	Total number of newborn cases born in the hospital that meet inclusion/ exclusion criteria	Rate of newborn cases per 100 that were exclusively breastfed and met inclusion/ exclusion criteria (%)
Age < 18	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Age 18 to 29	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Age 30 to 39	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Age 40 Years and Older	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed

Sex assigned at birth	Number of newborn cases that were exclusively breastfed and meet inclusion/exclusion criteria	Total number of newborn cases born in the hospital that meet inclusion/ exclusion criteria	Rate of newborn cases per 100 that were exclusively breastfed and met inclusion/ exclusion criteria (%)
Female			
Male			
Unknown			
Payer Type	Number of newborn cases that were exclusively breastfed and meet inclusion/exclusion criteria	Total number of newborn cases born in the hospital that meet inclusion/ exclusion criteria	Rate of newborn cases per 100 that were exclusively breastfed and met inclusion/ exclusion criteria (%)
Medicare	0		
Medicaid	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Private	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Self-Pay	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Other	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Due formed Language	Number of newborn cases that were exclusively breastfed and meet	Total number of newborn cases born in the hospital that meet inclusion/	Rate of newborn cases per 100 that were exclusively breastfed and met inclusion/
Preferred Language	inclusion/exclusion criteria	exclusion criteria	exclusion criteria (%)
English Language	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Spanish Language	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Asian Pacific Islander Languages	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Middle Eastern Languages	0		
American Sign Language	0		
Other/Unknown Languages	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Disability Status	Number of newborn cases that were exclusively breastfed and meet inclusion/exclusion criteria	Total number of newborn cases born in the hospital that meet inclusion/ exclusion criteria	Rate of newborn cases per 100 that were exclusively breastfed and met inclusion/ exclusion criteria (%)
Does not have a disability			
Has a mobility disability			
Has a cognition disability			
Has a hearing disability			
Has a vision disability			
Hanna and anno diambility			
Has a self-care disability			

Sexual Orientation	Number of newborn cases that were exclusively breastfed and meet inclusion/exclusion criteria	Total number of newborn cases born in the hospital that meet inclusion/ exclusion criteria	Rate of newborn cases per 100 that were exclusively breastfed and met inclusion/ exclusion criteria (%)
Lesbian, gay or homosexual			
Straight or heterosexual			
Bisexual			
Something else			
Don't know			
Not disclosed			
Gender Identity	Number of newborn cases that were exclusively breastfed and meet inclusion/exclusion criteria	Total number of newborn cases born in the hospital that meet inclusion/ exclusion criteria	Rate of newborn cases per 100 that were exclusively breastfed and met inclusion/ exclusion criteria (%)
Female			
Female-to-male (FTM)/ transgender male/trans man			
Male			
Male-to-female (MTF)/transgender female/trans woman			
Non-conforming gender			
Additional gender category or			
Not disclosed			

## **HCAI All-Cause Unplanned 30-Day Hospital Readmission Rate**

General acute care hospitals are required to report several HCAI All-Cause Unplanned 30-Day Hospital Readmission Rates, which are broadly defined as the percentage of hospital-level, unplanned, all-cause readmissions after admission for eligible conditions within 30 days of hospital discharge for patients aged 18 years and older. These rates are first stratified based on any eligible condition, mental health disorders, substance use disorders, co-occurring disorders, and no behavioral health diagnosis. Then, each condition-stratified hospital readmission rate is further stratified by race and/or ethnicity, non-maternal age categories, sex, payer type, preferred language, disability status, sexual orientation, and gender identity. For more information on the HCAI All-Cause Unplanned 30-Day Hospital Readmission Rate, please visit the following link by copying and pasting the URL into your web browser:

https://hcai.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/HCAI-All-Cause-Readmission-Rate-Exclusions\_ADA.pdf

# HCAI All-Cause Unplanned 30-Day Hospital Readmission Rate – Any Eligible Condition

Number of inpatient hospital admissions which occurs within 30 days of the discharge date of an eligible index admission and were 18 years or older at time of admission

869

Total number of patients who were admitted to the general acute care hospital and were 18 years or older at time of admission

Rate of hospital-level, unplanned, all-cause readmissions after admission for any eligible condition within 30 days of hospital discharge for patients aged 18 and older

12.5

Table 10. HCAI All-Cause Unplanned 30-Day Hospital Readmission Rate for any eligible condition by race and/or ethnicity, non-maternal age categories, sex, payer type, preferred language, disability status, sexual orientation, and gender identity.

Race and/or Ethnicity	Number of inpatient readmissions	Total number of admitted patients	Readmission rate (%)
American Indian or Alaska Native	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Asian	319	2600	12.3
Black or African American	17	125	13.6
lispanic or Latino	234	2066	11.3
Middle Eastern or North African			
Multiracial and/or Multiethnic (two or nore races)			
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Vhite	225	1732	13
Age	Number of inpatient readmissions	Total number of admitted patients	Readmission rate (%)
Age 18 to 34	47	767	6.1
Age 35 to 49	88	839	10.5
Age 50 to 64	206	1628	12.7
Age 65 Years and Older	528	3737	14.1
Sex assigned at birth	Number of inpatient readmissions	Total number of admitted patients	Readmission rate (%)
Female	449	3744	12
Male	420	3227	13
Jnknown			
Payer Type	Number of inpatient readmissions	Total number of admitted patients	Readmission rate (%)
Medicare	555	3822	14.5
<b>l</b> ledicaid	233	2118	11
Private	71	863	8.2
Self-Pay	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Other	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Preferred Language	Number of inpatient readmissions	Total number of admitted patients	Readmission rate (%)
English Language	503	4107	12.2
Spanish Language	109	912	12
Asian Pacific Islander Languages	248	1904	13
liddle Eastern Languages	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
American Sign Language	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Other/Unknown Languages	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed

Disability Of the	Number of inpatient	Total number of	Deciminate water (0/)
Disability Status	readmissions	admitted patients	Readmission rate (%)
Does not have a disability			
Has a mobility disability			
Has a cognition disability			
Has a hearing disability			
Has a vision disability			
Has a self-care disability			
Has an independent living disability			
Sexual Orientation	Number of inpatient readmissions	Total number of admitted patients	Readmission rate (%)
Lesbian, gay or homosexual			
Straight or heterosexual			
Bisexual			
Something else			
Don't know			
Not disclosed			
Gender Identity	Number of inpatient readmissions	Total number of admitted patients	Readmission rate (%)
Female			
Female-to-male (FTM)/transgender male/ trans man			
Male			
Male-to-female (MTF)/transgender female/ trans woman			
Non-conforming gender			
Additional gender category or other			
Not disclosed			

# **HCAI All-Cause Unplanned 30-Day Hospital Readmission Rate - Mental Health Disorders**

Number of inpatient hospital admissions which occurs within 30 days of the discharge date for mental health disorders and were 18 years or older at time of admission

140

Total number of patients who were admitted to the general acute care hospital and were 18 years or older at time of admission

910

Rate of hospital-level, unplanned, all-cause readmissions after admission for mental health disorders within 30 days of hospital discharge for patients aged 18 and older

15.4

Table 11. HCAI All-Cause Unplanned 30-Day Hospital Readmission Rate for mental health disorders by race and/or ethnicity, non-maternal age categories, sex, payer type, preferred language, disability status, sexual orientation, and gender identity.

Race and/or Ethnicity	Number of inpatient readmissions	Total number of admitted patients	Readmission rate (%)
American Indian or Alaska Native			
Asian	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Black or African American	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Hispanic or Latino	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Middle Eastern or North African			
Multiracial and/or Multiethnic (two or more races)			
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
White	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Age	Number of inpatient readmissions	Total number of admitted patients	Readmission rate (%)
Age 18 to 34	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Age 35 to 49	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Age 50 to 64	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Age 65 Years and Older	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Sex assigned at birth	Number of inpatient readmissions	Total number of admitted patients	Readmission rate (%)
Female	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Male	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Unknown			
Payer Type	Number of inpatient readmissions	Total number of admitted patients	Readmission rate (%)
Medicare	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Medicaid	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Private	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Self-Pay	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Other	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Preferred Language	Number of inpatient readmissions	Total number of admitted patients	Readmission rate (%)
English Language	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Spanish Language	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Asian Pacific Islander Languages	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Middle Eastern Languages	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
American Sign Language			
Other/Unknown Languages	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed

Disability Of the	Number of inpatient	Total number of	Deciminate water (0/)
Disability Status	readmissions	admitted patients	Readmission rate (%)
Does not have a disability			
Has a mobility disability			
Has a cognition disability			
Has a hearing disability			
Has a vision disability			
Has a self-care disability			
Has an independent living disability			
Sexual Orientation	Number of inpatient readmissions	Total number of admitted patients	Readmission rate (%)
Lesbian, gay or homosexual			
Straight or heterosexual			
Bisexual			
Something else			
Don't know			
Not disclosed			
Gender Identity	Number of inpatient readmissions	Total number of admitted patients	Readmission rate (%)
Female			
Female-to-male (FTM)/transgender male/ trans man			
Male			
Male-to-female (MTF)/transgender female/ trans woman			
Non-conforming gender			
Additional gender category or other			
Not disclosed			

# **HCAI All-Cause Unplanned 30-Day Hospital Readmission Rate - Substance Use Disorders**

Number of inpatient hospital admissions which occurs within 30 days of the discharge date for substance use disorders and were 18 years or older at time of admission

62

Total number of patients who were admitted to the general acute care hospital and were 18 years or older at time of admission

509

Rate of hospital-level, unplanned, all-cause readmissions after admission for substance use disorders within 30 days of hospital discharge for patients aged 18 and older

12.2

Table 12. HCAI All-Cause Unplanned 30-Day Hospital Readmission Rate for substance use disorders by race and/or ethnicity, non-maternal age categories, sex, payer type, preferred language, disability status, sexual orientation, and gender identity.

Race and/or Ethnicity	Number of inpatient readmissions	Total number of admitted patients	Readmission rate (%)
American Indian or Alaska Native	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Asian	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Black or African American	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Hispanic or Latino	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Middle Eastern or North African			
Multiracial and/or Multiethnic (two or more races)			
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
White	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Age	Number of inpatient readmissions	Total number of admitted patients	Readmission rate (%)
Age 18 to 34	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Age 35 to 49	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Age 50 to 64	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Age 65 Years and Older	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Sex assigned at birth	Number of inpatient readmissions	Total number of admitted patients	Readmission rate (%)
Female	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Male	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Jnknown			
Payer Type	Number of inpatient readmissions	Total number of admitted patients	Readmission rate (%)
Medicare	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Medicaid	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Private	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Self-Pay	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Other	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Preferred Language	Number of inpatient readmissions	Total number of admitted patients	Readmission rate (%)
English Language	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Spanish Language	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Asian Pacific Islander Languages	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Middle Eastern Languages			
American Sign Language			
Other/Unknown Languages	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed

Disability Of the	Number of inpatient	Total number of	Deciminate water (0/)
Disability Status	readmissions	admitted patients	Readmission rate (%)
Does not have a disability			
Has a mobility disability			
Has a cognition disability			
Has a hearing disability			
Has a vision disability			
Has a self-care disability			
Has an independent living disability			
Sexual Orientation	Number of inpatient readmissions	Total number of admitted patients	Readmission rate (%)
Lesbian, gay or homosexual			
Straight or heterosexual			
Bisexual			
Something else			
Don't know			
Not disclosed			
Gender Identity	Number of inpatient readmissions	Total number of admitted patients	Readmission rate (%)
Female			
Female-to-male (FTM)/transgender male/ trans man			
Male			
Male-to-female (MTF)/transgender female/ trans woman			
Non-conforming gender			
Additional gender category or other			
Not disclosed			

# HCAI All-Cause Unplanned 30-Day Hospital Readmission Rate - Co-occurring disorders

Number of inpatient hospital admissions which occurs within 30 days of the discharge date for cooccurring disorders and were 18 years or older at time of admission

48

Total number of patients who were admitted to the general acute care hospital and were 18 years or older at time of admission

273

Rate of hospital-level, unplanned, all-cause readmissions after admission for co-occurring disorders within 30 days of hospital discharge for patients aged 18 and older

17.6

Table 13. HCAI All-Cause Unplanned 30-Day Hospital Readmission Rate for co-occurring disorders by race and/or ethnicity, non-maternal age categories, sex, payer type, preferred language, disability status, sexual orientation, and gender identity.

Race and/or Ethnicity	Number of inpatient readmissions	Total number of admitted patients	Readmission rate (%)	
American Indian or Alaska Native				
Asian	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed	
Black or African American	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed	
Hispanic or Latino	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed	
Middle Eastern or North African				
Multiracial and/or Multiethnic (two or more races)				
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander				
White	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed	
Age	Number of inpatient readmissions	Total number of admitted patients	Readmission rate (%)	
Age 18 to 34	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed	
Age 35 to 49	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed	
Age 50 to 64	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed	
Age 65 Years and Older	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed	
Sex assigned at birth	Number of inpatient readmissions	Total number of admitted patients	Readmission rate (%)	
Female	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed	
Male	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed	
Unknown				
Payer Type	Number of inpatient readmissions	Total number of admitted patients	Readmission rate (%)	
Medicare	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed	
Medicaid	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed	
Private	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed	
Self-Pay	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed	
Other	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed	
Preferred Language	Number of inpatient readmissions	Total number of admitted patients	Readmission rate (%	
English Language	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed	
Spanish Language	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed	
Asian Pacific Islander Languages	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed	
Middle Eastern Languages				
American Sign Language				
Other/Unknown Languages				

Disability Of the	Number of inpatient	Total number of	Deciminate water (0/)
Disability Status	readmissions	admitted patients	Readmission rate (%)
Does not have a disability			
Has a mobility disability			
Has a cognition disability			
Has a hearing disability			
Has a vision disability			
Has a self-care disability			
Has an independent living disability			
Sexual Orientation	Number of inpatient readmissions	Total number of admitted patients	Readmission rate (%)
Lesbian, gay or homosexual			
Straight or heterosexual			
Bisexual			
Something else			
Don't know			
Not disclosed			
Gender Identity	Number of inpatient readmissions	Total number of admitted patients	Readmission rate (%)
Female			
Female-to-male (FTM)/transgender male/ trans man			
Male			
Male-to-female (MTF)/transgender female/ trans woman			
Non-conforming gender			
Additional gender category or other			
Not disclosed			

# HCAI All-Cause Unplanned 30-Day Hospital Readmission Rate - No Behavioral Health Diagnosis

Number of inpatient hospital admissions which occurs within 30 days of the discharge date with no behavioral diagnosis and were 18 years or older at time of admission

619

Total number of patients who were admitted to the general acute care hospital and were 18 years or older at time of admission

5279

Rate of hospital-level, unplanned, all-cause readmissions after admission with no behavioral diagnosis within 30 days of hospital discharge for patients aged 18 and older

11.7

Table 14. HCAI All-Cause Unplanned 30-Day Hospital Readmission Rate with No Behavioral Diagnosis by race and/or ethnicity, non-maternal age categories, sex, payer type, preferred language, disability status, sexual orientation, and gender identity.

Race and/or Ethnicity	Number of inpatient readmissions	Total number of admitted patients	Readmission rate (%)	
American Indian or Alaska Native	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed	
Asian	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed	
Black or African American	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed	
Hispanic or Latino	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed	
Middle Eastern or North African				
Multiracial and/or Multiethnic (two or more races)				
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed	
White	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed	
Age	Number of inpatient readmissions	Total number of admitted patients	Readmission rate (%)	
Age 18 to 34	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed	
Age 35 to 49	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed	
Age 50 to 64	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed	
Age 65 Years and Older	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed	
Sex assigned at birth	Number of inpatient readmissions	Total number of admitted patients	Readmission rate (%)	
- Female	314	2877	10.9	
Male	305	2402	12.7	
Jnknown				
Payer Type	Number of inpatient readmissions	Total number of admitted patients Readmission		
Medicare	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed	
Medicaid	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed	
Private	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed	
Self-Pay	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed	
Other	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed	
Preferred Language	Number of inpatient readmissions	Total number of admitted patients	Readmission rate (%)	
English Language	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed	
Spanish Language	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed	
Asian Pacific Islander Languages	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed	
Middle Eastern Languages	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed	
American Sign Language	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed	
Other/Unknown Languages	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed	

Disability Status	Number of inpatient readmissions	Total number of admitted patients	Readmission rate (%)
Does not have a disability			
Has a mobility disability			
Has a cognition disability			
Has a hearing disability			
Has a vision disability			
Has a self-care disability			
Has an independent living disability			
Sexual Orientation	Number of inpatient readmissions	Total number of admitted patients	Readmission rate (%)
Lesbian, gay or homosexual			
Straight or heterosexual			
Bisexual			
Something else			
Don't know			
Not disclosed			
Gender Identity	Number of inpatient readmissions	Total number of admitted patients	Readmission rate (%)
Female			
Female-to-male (FTM)/transgender male/ trans man			
Male			
Male-to-female (MTF)/transgender female/ trans woman			
Non-conforming gender			
Additional gender category or other			
Not disclosed			

# **Health Equity Plan**

All general acute care hospitals report a health equity plan that identifies the top 10 disparities and a written plan to address them.

## **Top 10 Disparities**

Disparities for each hospital equity measure are identified by comparing the rate ratios by stratification groups. Rate ratios are calculated differently for measures with preferred low rates and those with preferred high rates. Rate ratios are calculated after applying the California Health and Human Services Agency's "Data De-Identification Guidelines (DDG)," dated September 23, 2016.

Table 15. Top 10 disparities and their rate ratio values.

Measures	Stratifications	Stratification Group	Stratification Rate	Reference Group	Reference Rate	Rate Ratio
Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) Quality Indicator Pneumonia Mortality	Race and/or Ethnicity			Asian	44	2.5
HCAI All-Cause Unplanned 30- Day Hospital Readmission Rate	Age (excluding maternal measures)			18 to 34	6.1	2.3
HCAI All-Cause Unplanned 30- Day Hospital Readmission Rate	Age (excluding maternal measures)			18 to 34	6.1	2.1
HCAI All-Cause Unplanned 30- Day Hospital Readmission Rate	Expected Payor			Private	8.2	1.8
HCAI All-Cause Unplanned 30- Day Hospital Readmission Rate	Age (excluding maternal measures)			18 to 34	6.1	1.7
Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) Quality Indicator Pneumonia Mortality	Sex Assigned at Birth			Male	51.8	1.5
HCAI All-Cause Unplanned 30- Day Hospital Readmission Rate	Expected Payor			Private	8.2	1.3
HCAI All-Cause Unplanned 30- Day Hospital Readmission Rate	Race and/or Ethnicity			Hispanic or Latino	11.3	1.2
HCAI All-Cause Unplanned 30- Day Hospital Readmission Rate, stratified by behavioral health diagnosis (No Behavioral Health Diagnosis)	Sex Assigned at Birth			Female	10.9	1.2
HCAI All-Cause Unplanned 30- Day Hospital Readmission Rate	Race and/or Ethnicity			Hispanic or Latino	11.3	1.1

## Plan to address disparities identified in the data

We have identified the top disparities using a rate ratio methodology in which the value illustrates how much higher the rates are for a given patient population stratification in comparison to another. For instance, a rate ratio of 1.5 would indicate that the former comparison group is 50% more likely to have the specified event when compared to the latter.

We recognize important limitations in the current method of identifying disparities. The performance metrics are not risk-adjusted, meaning they do not account for expected variation by age or other clinical factors. Because younger patients generally experience fewer complications and hospitalizations, observed differences in readmission rates by age group likely reflect, in part, underlying differences in patient risk profiles rather than inequitable care. Consequently, it is not unexpected that there are disparities involving higher readmission rates among older age groups compared to younger patients.

Disparity: Pneumonia mortality rate for Hispanic/Latino vs Asian patients (1) where the rate ratio is 2.5. Also, Female vs Male (2) have a 50% higher rate.

Disparity: Readmission rates for the age groups of 65+ vs 18-34 (3), 50-64 vs 18-34 (4) and 35-49 vs 18-34 (5) with rate ratios of 2.3, 2.1, and 1.7, respectively.

Disparity: Readmission rates for Medicare vs Private (6) and Medicaid vs Private (7) patients with a rate ratio of 1.8 and 1.2.

Disparity: Readmission rates for Black or African American (8) and White vs Hispanic/Latino (9) patients with rate ratios are 1.2 and 1.1.

Disparity: Readmission rate filtered to patients with 'No Behavioral Health Diagnosis' for Male vs Female (10) with a rate ratio is 1.2.

Action Plan: To address the disparities above related to readmissions, the Quality Department conducts reviews of hospital readmissions to assess appropriateness of care and identify any provider management concerns. Cases requiring further evaluation are referred to Peer Review. In addition, readmission data are regularly shared with the Quality Council to support multidisciplinary collaboration and identify opportunities for improvement.

Moving forward, a dedicated workgroup representing multiple disciplines will be established to conduct a deeper analysis of readmission data, identify disparities, and develop targeted strategies with measurable countermeasures. This may include evaluating discharge planning processes through a health literacy lens to ensure patient education materials and discharge instructions are accessible and culturally responsive.

In order to address the disparity regarding mortality, we will perform a comprehensive analysis of practices to uncover contributing factors. This analysis will include stratification by race, ethnicity, age, language, socioeconomic factors and other demographic characteristics. We will also consider developing process maps to better understand workflows.

## Performance in the priority area

General acute care hospitals are required to provide hospital equity plans that address the top 10 disparities by identifying population impact and providing measurable objectives and specific timeframes. For each disparity, hospital equity plans will address performance across priority areas: person-centered care, patient safety, addressing patient social drivers of health, effective treatment, care coordination, and access to care.

#### Person-centered care

At UCI Health - Fountain Valley, patient experience is increasingly becoming a focus since there is a substantial opportunity to improve. According to our data, our strengths include the timeliness of hospital staff helping patients (H-COMP-3) and how well our staff communicates about medicines (H-COMP-5). However, there are improvement opportunities in terms of our doctor's communication practices (H-COMP-2) and hospital overall rating (H-HSP-Rating).

To improve our performance in patient-centered care, we invite past patients to our Patient Experience Committee and Patient/Quality Care Committee. We also fully implemented our Nurse Leader Visits program where our leaders can hear from our patients at the bedside

#### Patient safety

UCI Health - Fountain Valley is committed to becoming a high reliability organization (HRO) and eliminating preventable harm. We are planning to become an HRO and embed reliability and resilience into every level of our organization. Next year, we will be launching our HRO initiative to foster behaviors and systems that prioritize mindfulness, accountability, and learning from every event no matter how small. By emphasizing preoccupation with failure, deference to expertise, and a just culture, we are empowering our workforce to speak up, identify risks early, and respond

effectively. Through continuous training, leadership engagement, and data-driven improvement, UCI Health - Fountain Valley is creating a culture where every team member contributes to the goal of zero harm and consistent delivery of safe, high-quality care.

At UCI Health - Fountain Valley, we are on a continuous quest to provide exceptional patient care and service to our patients that starts with building a robust culture of safety. Since joining the UCI Health system in 2024, UCI Health - Fountain Valley has voluntarily participated in this highly visible survey that assesses hospital performance based on national measures and safety practices that are proven to reduce preventable patient harm and are endorsed by the National Quality Forum (NQF). UCI Health - Fountain Valley has made a commitment to provide the safest care possible which is evident with the hospital's improvement in the Leapfrog Grades in which a high C was achieved for the last reporting period and improved from the previous grade of a low C.

## Addressing patient social drivers of health

UCI Health - Fountain Valley has made significant efforts to incorporate Social Drivers of Health (SDOH) screening for patients. Last year, 61% of patients admitted for an inpatient hospital stay who are 18 years or older on the date of admission were able to provide input on whether they were experiencing food insecurity, house instability, transportation problems, utility difficulties, or interpersonal safety. Of these patients, the biggest opportunity is regarding housing instability in which 8% of them identified that they had these experiences.

## Performance in the priority area continued

Performance across all of the following priority areas.

#### Effective treatment

According to our latest CMS Stars report, the care at UCI Health - Fountain Valley is at the national average in the Timely & Effective Care domain. Strengths include appropriately using contrast material in abdomen CT scanning (OP-10), and ensuring patients are seen in the emergency department before they leave (OP-22). However, there are opportunities for improvement in the care of sepsis patients (SEP-1).

There is also monitoring of our patients and whether they are readmitted within 30 days in which current performance is worse than average with aspirations to improve.

#### Care coordination

UCI Health is dedicated to ensuring that the coordination of care for the patient is maintained, not just while in the hospital but also at discharge. Working closely with insurance companies to request a high-risk case manager is assigned to complex patients. We are actively working on improving our communication between physicians and patients to promote timely appropriate safe care and ensuring a smooth transition when the patient is ready for discharge/transfer.

### Access to care

UCI Health is dedicated to ensuring high-quality care is accessible so patients can get the right care at the right time. A new acute care hospital with 144 beds offers next-generation hospital care in addition to other facilities at the Irvine medical campus including the Joe C. Wen & Family Center for Advanced Care and the Chao Family Comprehensive Cancer Center. These facilities will allow residents of coastal and south Orange County to have full and convenient access to leading-edge care. Additionally, UCI Health acquired four hospitals in Fountain Valley, Lakewood, Los Alamitos and Placentia Linda with plans to continue expanding its network of outpatient locations. This acquisition allows for UCI Health to serve more patients with Medicaid or Medicare.

There are additional mechanisms in place to improve access to care for underserved patients. For example, the UCI Gavin Herbert Eye Institute Eye Mobile for Children provides vision screenings to underserved children as well as other vision related care across Orange County.

In addition, the UCI Family Health Center, with locations in Santa Ana and Anaheim, is a federally qualified health center (FQHC). FQHCs are a critical resource for the underserved community, from newborn to older adults, delivering whole-person primary and preventative care. The Family Health Centers are a unique type of outpatient clinic that provide affordable, comprehensive care, including medical, dental and behavioral health services for communities where access to health care is challenging. The Family Health Centers are ambulatory clinics of UCI Health and play a crucial role in ensuring people have access to health care, regardless of insurance coverage or ability to pay. The clinics help people gain control over their health care by providing both primary and preventive care services as well as chronic disease management. In addition to the culturally and linguistically appropriate care provided by physicians with expertise in family medicine, pediatrics, and obstetrics and gynecology, interdisciplinary team members provide services that play a crucial role as they represent a proactive rather than reactive approach to health care needs of the clinicsâ?? clients in the communities they serve.

## **Methodology Guidelines**

Did the hospital follow the methodology in the Measures Submission Guide? (Y/N)

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