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Indicators of Inpatient Care in Texas Hospitals, 2002-2004

THCIC will release a revised *2002-2004 Indicators of Inpatient Care* report in August 2007. Hospitals will be given the opportunity to review and comment on the report prior to its release.

Hospitals should use the same password issued by THCIC for the 2005 IQI review and unique identifier.

The secured web site will be available for review beginning May 14, 2007 and ending July 13, 2007. Questions regarding the report may be directed to Wang-Shu Lu at 512-458-7111 ext 6453.

*Forgot your unique ID and password? Hospital “primary contacts” may request this information by E-mail only. THCIC **will not** provide this information by phone. Include the hospitals THCIC ID# in the subject area and send a request to dee.roes@dshs.state.tx.us

Preventable Hospitalizations, 2005

Preventable Hospitalizations, 2005 will be released on the THCIC website later this month. This is the third report in a series that looks at the inpatient treatment of conditions for which timely and effective use of primary care should reduce the risk of hospitalization. Earlier reports were released for 2001 and 2002.

The 14 measures present data by county of residence for patients discharged in 2005. The measures included in the report are:

- Bacterial Pneumonia
- Dehydration
- Urinary Tract Infection
- Perforated Appendix
- Low Birth Weight
- Angina (without procedures)
- Congestive Heart Failure
- Hypertension (high blood pressure)
- Adult Asthma
- Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)
- Diabetes Short-Term Complications
- Diabetes Long-Term Complications
- Uncontrolled Diabetes
- Lower-Extremity Amputation Among Patients With Diabetes

Update on Pediatric Quality Indicators

The first report on the quality of pediatric care in Texas hospitals will be available to hospitals for review and comment by the end of May.

The methodology for the Pediatric Quality Indicators used for the report was developed by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. Six measures were recommended for public reporting by a children’s hospital workgroup. These measures are:

- Accidental Puncture or Laceration
- Decubitus Ulcer
- Iatrogenic Pneumothorax
- Pediatric Heart Surgery Volume
- Pediatric Heart Surgery Mortality
- Postoperative Hemorrhage or Hematoma

The pediatric heart surgery measures were earlier reported in *Inpatient Care in Texas Hospitals*. It is expected that the report will be publicly released later in the summer.

Important Phone Numbers

Commonwealth Clinical Systems (CCS)

THCIC Helpdesk – 888-308-4953 or THCICHelp@comclin.net

CCS web site – www.thcichelp.com

HyperTerminal Phone Number – 434-297-0367 (For Data Submission, Corrections and Uploading Certification Comments)

Secured Web Page – <https://sys1.comclin.com/thcic/>

THCIC web site – www.dshs.state.tx.us/thcic

DSHS-Center for Health Statistics – 512-458-7261

THCIC Staff – 512-458-7111

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Hospital Discharge Data submission, Correction and Certification Training Session

Texas Health Care Information Collection (THCIC) is offering on-line training. The requirements to receive this training on-line are a phone line and a computer with high speed Internet access. We are encouraging those who have access to a high speed Internet enabled computer to take advantage of the training on-line.

If you are interested in receiving the training on-line or if your establishment cannot participate in on-line training, please contact Tiffany Overton at tiffany.overton@dshs.state.tx.us or call (512) 458-7111 ext 2352.

The new on-line training schedule is as follows:

- ❖ Thursday, June 14, 2007
- ❖ Friday, July 14, 2007
- ❖ Friday, September 7, 2007
- ❖ Friday, October 12, 2007
- ❖ Friday, November 16, 2007
- ❖ Friday, December 14, 2007

The times will be as follows:

- 9:00 AM Upload and Download of Data Secured Server
- 10:00 AM Data Correction and Data Correction Software
- 11:00 AM Data Certification and CertView Software
- 12:00 PM KeyClaim Software

Please provide the following information when signing up for training:

THCIC ID _____
 Hospital/Organization _____
 City _____
 Registrant Name _____
 Title _____
 Phone Number _____
 E-mail Address _____

Reminders and Deadlines

The hospital discharge data **schedule** may be downloaded from <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/THCIC/hospitals/schedule.shtm>.

- ❖ 5/14/2007 – 2002-2004 IQI review/comment period begins
- ❖ 6/1/2007 – 1q07 data due
- ❖ 6/1/2007 – 3q06 certification letters due
- ❖ 6/1/2007 – Hospitals retrieve 4q06 certification file
- ❖ 6/8/2007 – 2005 IQI review/comment period ends