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Pediatric Quality Indicators available for review

The first report on the quality of pediatric care in Texas hospitals is available to hospitals for review and comment. 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.

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

The secured web site is available for review beginning June 5, 2007 and ending August 3, 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

Important Phone Numbers

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

CCS web site – www.thcichelp.com

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

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

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Reminders and Deadlines

The hospital discharge data **schedule** may be downloaded from

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/THCIC/hospitals/schedule.shtm>.

- ❖ 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