QUALITY MEASURE TIP SHEET: Urinary Tract Infection—Long Stay

Quality Measure Overview

This measure reports the percentage of residents who have had a urinary tract infection (UTI) within the last 30 days.

Exclusions:
– This measure will not be triggered if the target assessment was an admission, a prospective payment system 5-day assessment, or a readmission/return assessment.

MDS Coding Requirements

• As of October 31, 2017, UTI should be coded if both of the following criteria were met in the last 30 days:
  – It was determined that the resident had a UTI using evidence-based criteria, such as McGeer.

• The resident received a physician-documented UTI diagnosis (or by a nurse practitioner, physician assistant, or clinical nurse specialist, if allowable under state licensure laws) in the last 30 days.

Ask These Questions ...

• Was the MDS coded as per the Resident Assessment Instrument requirements?
• Does the facility have established criteria for testing (such as the McGeer Criteria available on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website), and are the nurses aware of the criteria?
• Does the resident need to be placed on a hydration program?
• Is water accessible at all times and offered to dementia residents?
• Are chronic conditions treated?
• Are staff members monitored for proficiency in perineal-/catheter-care and handwashing?
• If a catheter has been inserted, was the diagnosis appropriate?

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