

SUTURES

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DOCUMENTATION/CODING TIP

Providers are asking, “What’s all the hype about ‘Present on Admission’ documentation?”

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) have selected twelve conditions for Present on Admission (POA) as part of the FY2009 Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) Final Rule. These conditions will be considered no pay conditions as of October 1, 2008 if not present at the time of admission.

That’s where you come in. Please be sure to document appropriately when the twelve conditions listed below are present on admission.

Hospital-Acquired Conditions Selected for Present on Admission Provision

- Pressure Ulcers
- Falls and Trauma
- Catheter-Associated Urinary Tract Infections
- Mediastinitis after CABG Surgery
- Air Embolism
- Blood Incompatibility
- Object Left in Surgery
- Deep Vein Thrombosis
- Pulmonary Embolism
- Surgical Site Infection Following Orthopedic Surgery
- Surgical Site Infection Following Bariatric Surgery for Obesity
- Vascular Catheter Associated Infections



CLINICAL TRIALS ANNOUNCEMENT

Please note that the following 2 new clinical trials are currently active and enrolling surgical patients:

1. A prospective, multicenter, double-blind, randomized, comparative study to estimate the safety, tolerability and efficacy of NXL104/ceftazidime plus metronidazole vs. meropenem in the treatment of complicated intra-abdominal infections (cIAI) in hospitalized adults

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We will be screening for adult patients with GI tract perforations (of appendix, intestine, ulcer, gallbladder) or post-operative intra-abdominal abscesses who will require at least 5 days of intravenous antibiotics.

2. A randomized, open-label, efficacy and safety study of Octaplex and FFP in patients under vitamin K antagonist therapy with the need for urgent surgery or invasive procedures.

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We will be screening for adult patients on warfarin therapy with INR>2.0 who will be undergoing surgery or an invasive procedure (e.g., central line placement) and will require reversal of the warfarin with FFP.

If you would like to submit your patient for enrollment, please call Dr. Towfigh (310-709-9343) or Study Coordinator Laura Sarmiento (310-849-4356).

For more information, please contact Dr. Towfigh (shirin.towfigh@csHS.org)



CITIZENSHIP AND BEYOND

Calendar

Department of Surgery Residency Interview Dates for 2009-2010:
December 11; December 18; January 8



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The next SUTURES will be Tuesday, September 2, 2009.