Quality Assurance & Core Measures Wk 3

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1. Objective 3b: Describe the process for collection of data related to core measures, including specific information related to the electronic medical record and documentation.

Data collection related to core measures is when medical staff relies on collecting accurate and correct data from the EMR. Documentation is one of the biggest ways to collect data is from team members notes placed in the patient's chart. Standardized performance measures are what make up the core measures which come from the team members' notes (nurses, provider, specialty notes as well as the MAR. It is very important that this documentation is clear and precise as it gets reported to National Public Reporting System after this data is compiled. Collecting data on a patient should begin the moment you start interacting and caring for the patient. This data is reviewed by the reporting system to find any issues with compliance to improve how medical information is documented in the future.

2. Objective 5c: Discuss how standardization processes impact a culture of safety in the medical environment.

Standardization processes impact a culture of safety in the medical environment by ensuring timely and accurate reporting of patient information. The protocols are in place to reduce the inconsistencies that occur during the documenting process. This helps to ensure that patients are being cared for in a timely fashion which also helps to promote accuracy in documenting. There are times when patient care was not provided as it should have been, this reporting helps to keep things moving smoothly with care for a patient. This helps with accountability and evidence-based practice which enhances patient safety and teamwork.

3. Objective 7b: Provide examples of how the Quality Department improves clinical practice based on evidence-based practice initiatives.

The Quality Department improves clinical practice by making sure patients are identified properly to ensure there are no errors in care. Some critically ill patient's are accurately cared for during their hospitalization as well as educating them for discharge to try to prevent patient reoccurrences in less

than 48 hours. When patient’s and families are properly educated on illness/ health issues they are less likely to return for the same issue that brought them in to begin with.