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❖ **2015 Changes to Quality Measure Widget (Effective 1/1/2015)**

Beginning January 1, 2015, the AMI, Heart Failure, Pneumonia, and SCIP quality measures (QM) will no longer appear on the QM widget. However, SCIP-Inf-4 (Cardiac Surgery Patients With Controlled Postoperative Blood Glucose) will continue to be reported, which is an ICU only measure. This is due to changes in The Joint Commission (TJC) and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) quality measure reporting requirements. The quality team will still be monitoring and reporting compliance with the Stroke and VTE quality measures. These measures are NOT changing. They will continue to appear on the QM widget. In addition, the quality team will continue to monitor influenza vaccine compliance from October 1 to March 31, 2015. CSM is currently reporting the Perinatal Care QM as well.

We have been extremely successful in meeting the required standards of care for the AMI, Heart Failure, Pneumonia, and SCIP quality measures. Columbia St. Mary's (CSM) recognizes the hard work all staff has contributed to improve CSM's compliance with these measures. Even though these measures will no longer be on the QM widget, we will still comply with the quality measure standards. Please continue the hard work and best practices in meeting the exceptional care our patients have come to expect and know. The CSM leadership team thanks you for your assistance in meeting and exceeding these high standards.

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❖ **Pneumococcal Vaccine Assessment Changes (Effective 1/6/2015)**

The recommendations for Pneumococcal Vaccine administration have changed making the hospital's current use of an algorithm driven protocol for assessment and administration no longer practical for inpatient use. The new CDC recommendations to utilize two different pneumococcal vaccines (Pneumovax and Prevnar) in at-risk populations have made it too complicated for inpatient nurses to determine which vaccine to administer. In addition, beginning in January 2015, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services will drop pneumococcal assessment and vaccination as a Core Measure for hospitalized patients.

Therefore, beginning January 6, 2015, nurses will continue to assess hospital inpatients for pneumococcal vaccine eligibility, but no longer follow the algorithm-based ordering and administration of the pneumococcal vaccine. Instead, if the patient meets the eligibility criteria, a recommendation will be placed in the discharge documentation for the patient to follow-up with his/her primary care provider regarding administration of the vaccine. Outpatient clinics will have primary ownership of pneumococcal vaccine administration.

The Pneumococcal Vaccine assessment section of the following PowerForms will be updated to reflect these changes:

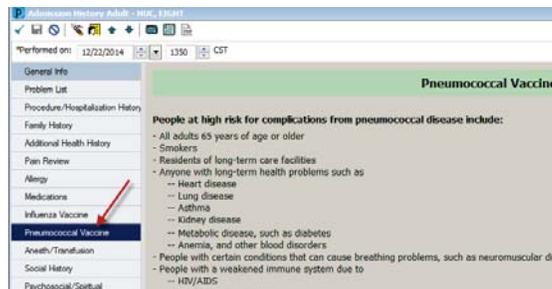
- Admission History Adult
- Adult Immunizations
- Admission Assessment Adult BH

NOTE: These changes DO NOT impact algorithm-driven Influenza vaccine assessment and administration which will continue unchanged.

New Patient Access, New Processes, New Geography, New Ways to Engage

Use the following steps to complete the **Pneumococcal Vaccine** assessment:

- 1) Open the **Adult Immunizations** PowerForm or the appropriate admission PowerForm from the Adhoc folder  and navigate to the **Pneumococcal Vaccine** section of the form.



- 2) Document a **Yes/No** response to each **Pneumococcal Vaccine Eligibility** question.

Pneumococcal Vaccine Eligibility (Patient to follow-up with Primary Care Provider if "Yes" answered to ANY of the following questions):

Yes No Age 65 years or older

Yes No Age 19 years or older and not previously vaccinated as an adult and is at risk of serious pneumococcal disease or its complications.

- 3) Click the  to sign the form.
- 4) If **Yes** is selected to either **Pneumococcal Vaccine Eligibility** question, the following statement – **Patient to follow-up with Primary Care Provider regarding Pneumococcal vaccine** - will appear on the Patient Discharge Summary and Transition of Care Summary in Depart



- 5) Providers with prescribing authority may still order either Prevnar or Pneumovax if it is deemed necessary during their inpatient stay.

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