

How WOC Nurses Can Prepare and Empower Their Clinical Care Teams

What Are eCQMs?

Electronic Clinical Quality Measures (eCQMs) are standardized, digital quality measures that use data from electronic health records (EHRs) to capture and assess patient care, quality, and outcomes in real-time.



Measured **automatically** from clinical documentation at the beginning of the hospital encounter.



Reported to CMS and other **regulatory agencies**.



Focused on **proven clinical practices** to improve safety.



Supports **performance comparison** across departments and institutions.



Leverages technology to automate chart reviews and **maximize operational efficiency**.



Highlights the critical roles and **impact** WOC Nurses make in positive patient care and outcomes.

Why They Matter

Strong WOC Leadership + eCQMS =



Minimize pressure injuries



Improve patient outcomes



Enhance institutional performance metrics



Optimize CMS reimbursement rates & quality scores



Increase public reporting & accountability

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1 Understand eCQMs

- Q Review** specific eCQM measure specifications.
- Q Identify** all required Data Elements within your EHR.
- Q Learn** the Numerator/Dominator logic (the math behind your quality score).



2 Collaborate with Leadership & Quality

Raise awareness! Make plans to improve clinician documentation NOW and consider technology!



3 Engage Multidisciplinary Teams

Partner with multidisciplinary teams - including direct-care nursing, providers, physical therapy, nutrition – to focus on:

- ☐ Pressure injury staging accuracy.
- ☐ Consistent risk assessments (such as the Braden scale).
- ☐ Standardizing care pathways.
- ☐ ACT on patients at risk (low Braden scores)!
- ☐ Evidence-based wound prevention orders.



4 Educate & Empower

Help care teams build and sharpen their skills through training on:

- ☒ Accurate staging & EHR documentation.
- ☒ Comprehensive pressure injury risk assessments.
- ☒ Timely pressure injury preventive interventions.

For more information and resources, visit wocn.org/eCQM

