

Multiple Antipsychotic Medication at Discharge

Hospital-Based Inpatient Psychiatric Services (HBIPS)

HBIPS-5 Patients Discharged on Multiple Antipsychotic Medications With Appropriate Justification

Collected on patients discharged on multiple antipsychotics and is reported as the rate of patients discharged on multiple antipsychotics with appropriate justification. Higher rates on HBIPS-5 indicate higher quality of care because documenting the reasons for assigning two or more antipsychotics suggests that careful consideration of the benefits of this course of treatment were weighed against the potential patient side effects.

The Joint Commission has identified the following justifications as appropriate reasons for discharging a patient on multiple antipsychotics:

- The medical record contains a documented minimum of three failed trials with monotherapy.
- The medical record contains documentation of either a plan that tapers to monotherapy or one that decreases the dosage of one or more antipsychotic medications while increasing the dosage of another to a level that manages the patient's symptoms with one antipsychotic medication (i.e., cross-tapering).
- The medical record contains documentation of augmentation of Clozapine.

The **numerator** statement is defined as psychiatric inpatients discharged on two or more routinely scheduled antipsychotic medications with appropriate justification.

The **denominator** statement is defined as psychiatric inpatients discharged on two or more routinely scheduled antipsychotic medications, with or without justification.

Excluded Populations

- Patients who expired
- Patients with an unplanned departure resulting in discharge due to elopement
- Patients with an unplanned departure resulting in discharge due to failing to return from leave
- Patients with a length of stay ≤ 3 days
- Patient's residence is not in the USA, and they are returning to another country after discharge

Suggested Data Sources

- Aftercare discharge plan
- Continuing care plan
- Discharge plan
- Final discharge summary
- History and physical
- Interim discharge summary
- Medication reconciliation form
- Physician discharge orders
- Physician program notes
- Referral form

For detailed HBIPS measure information, including specific data element definitions, please refer to the Specifications Manual for Joint Commission National Quality Measures.