General

Title

Transplants: percentage of patients diagnosed with brain death.

Source(s)


Measure Domain

Primary Measure Domain

Related Health Care Delivery Measures: User-enrollee Health State

Secondary Measure Domain

Does not apply to this measure

Brief Abstract

Description

This measure is used to assess the percentage of patients diagnosed with brain death.

Rationale

The aim of intensive care medicine is to provide critical patients with the healthcare that they need, ensuring the quality and safety of care. Intensive care medicine is one of the principal components of modern healthcare systems. There is an increasing demand for this resource, which involves high costs.

The quality of care has gradually come to be the central focus of healthcare, and in recent years patient safety has come to represent one of the key aspects of quality. In the case of intensive care medicine, this interest in quality is even more evident, not only because of its social and economic impact, but also because some of the dimensions involved in the quality of care of critical patients take on greater importance: critical patients are more vulnerable, access to critical care is more limited so efforts to distribute resources equitably are more important, scant scientific evidence is available, and the efficiency is limited.

Over 95% of the organs transplanted in Spain come from brain dead donors. These data confirm the importance of brain death (BD) for procuring
organs for transplantation. Ample, correct clinical knowledge about the diagnosis of BD will undoubtedly contribute to an increase in the number of donors and therefore to the number of transplants.

In Spain, approximately 14% of patients that die in intensive care units (ICUs) are brain dead; this percentage could reach 30% in referral centers for neurosurgery.

Evidence for Rationale

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<td>Real Decreto 2070/1999, de 30 de Diciembre, por el que se regulan las actividades de obtenciÃ³n y utilizaciÃ³n clÃ¡nica de Ã³rganos humanos y la coordinaciÃ³n territorial en materia de donaciÃ³n y trasplante de Ã³rganos y tejidos. BOE 3/2000; 2000 Apr 1. 179-90 p.</td>
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Primary Health Components

Transplants; brain death

Denominator Description

Total number of deaths in the intensive care unit (ICU) (see the related "Denominator Inclusions/Exclusions" field)

Numerator Description

Total number of patients diagnosed with brain death (BD) (see the related "Numerator Inclusions/Exclusions" field)

Evidence Supporting the Measure

Type of Evidence Supporting the Criterion of Quality for the Measure

A formal consensus procedure, involving experts in relevant clinical, methodological, public health and organizational sciences

One or more research studies published in a National Library of Medicine (NLM) indexed, peer-reviewed journal

Additional Information Supporting Need for the Measure

Unspecified

Extent of Measure Testing
State of Use of the Measure

State of Use
Current routine use

Current Use
not defined yet

Application of the Measure in its Current Use

Measurement Setting
Hospital Inpatient
Intensive Care Units

Professionals Involved in Delivery of Health Services
not defined yet

Least Aggregated Level of Services Delivery Addressed
Single Health Care Delivery or Public Health Organizations

Statement of Acceptable Minimum Sample Size
Unspecified

Target Population Age
Age greater than or equal to 18 years

Target Population Gender
Either male or female

National Strategy for Quality Improvement in Health Care

National Quality Strategy Priority
Institute of Medicine (IOM) National Health Care Quality Report Categories

IOM Care Need
Not within an IOM Care Need

IOM Domain
Not within an IOM Domain

Data Collection for the Measure

Case Finding Period
Unspecified

Denominator Sampling Frame
Patients associated with provider

Denominator (Index) Event or Characteristic
Clinical Condition
Institutionalization

Denominator Time Window
not defined yet

Denominator Inclusions/Exclusions
Inclusions
Total number of deaths in the intensive care unit (ICU)
Population: All patients diagnosed with brain death during the period reviewed.

Exclusions
Unspecified

Exclusions/Exceptions
not defined yet

Numerator Inclusions/Exclusions
Inclusions
Total number of patients diagnosed with brain death (BD)

Note:
- Brain death: Clinical condition characterized by complete and irreversible cessation of the function of both the brainstem and both cerebral hemispheres.
- The diagnosis can only be reached by means of clinical neurologic examination or instrumental diagnostic tests in accordance with the legislation in force. Refer to the original measure documentation for references.

Exclusions
Unspecified

Numerator Search Strategy
Institutionalization

Data Source
Electronic health/medical record
Paper medical record
Region, county, or city public health data
Other

Type of Health State
Clinically Diagnosed Condition

Instruments Used and/or Associated with the Measure
Unspecified

Computation of the Measure

Measure Specifies Disaggregation
Does not apply to this measure

Scoring
Rate/Proportion

Interpretation of Score
Does not apply to this measure (i.e., there is no pre-defined preference for the measure score)

Allowance for Patient or Population Factors
not defined yet
Standard of Comparison

not defined yet

Prescriptive Standard

Standard: 5% to 30%

Results below 5% represent a poor level of diagnosis.

Evidence for Prescriptive Standard


Identifying Information

Original Title

Diagnosis of brain death.

Measure Collection Name

Quality Indicators in Critically Ill Patients

Measure Set Name

Transplants

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