AJRR American Joint Replacement Registry
Improving Orthopaedic Care Through Data

An Overview of Meaningful Use for Eligible Professionals for AJRR's Hip and Knee Replacement Registry

What is Meaningful Use?

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has an Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program that offers providers' payment in return for showing that they are using their EHR in a way that can positively affect patients. In order to receive these incentives, providers must meet all of the objectives that CMS has established. There are three stages of the program, each with different guidelines. From 2015 to 2017, eligible professionals should follow the Modified Stage 2 objectives. For detailed information on the Modified Stage 2 objectives, please visit cms.gov and search "2016 Program Requirements."

How Can AJRR Help?

There are ten Meaningful Use objectives in Stage 2. The American Joint Replacement Registry can help satisfy the public health reporting objective. One of the easiest and most cost-efficient ways to meet the objective is to submit data to a specialized registry. AJRR's hip and knee replacement Registry is perfect for orthopaedic surgeons that are unable to or would rather not engage with immunization registries or syndromic surveillance reporting. However, two of these three measures must be met in order to satisfy this objective.

Public Health Reporting Objective Measures (two are required)
Measure 1: Immunization Registry Reporting
Measure 2: Syndromic Surveillance Reporting
Measure 3: Specialized Registry Reporting

What is required to participate in AJRR?

Participation in AJRR is free, but the submission of all Level I data elements is required. If you or your private practice group cannot submit these basic elements, then you cannot be considered an AJRR participant, and AJRR will not be able to help you meet Meaningful Use requirements.

Level I Data Elements:
Patient-related Data: Name (last, first), DOB, SSN, diagnosis (ICD 9/10), gender, race/ethnicity; address; hospital-related data: name, hospital name and NPI; surgeon-related data: surgeon name and NPI; procedure-related data: type (ICD 9/10, CPT), date of surgery, laterality, implants (catalog number and lot number or UDI device identifier and production identifier)

What is required for CMS?

For starters, participation and submitting data to a registry like AJRR. CMS then requires a simple attestation process that shows you are participating and submitting data to a registry through an online EHR Incentive Questionnaire.

Interested in learning more about Meaningful Use as it relates to AJRR's Hip and Knee Replacement Registry? Join our mailing list and consider attending future "AJRR and Meaningful Use" webinars! In the meantime, if you have any questions please contact your hospital's AJRR Program Coordinator.

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