Data Collection and Validation

The measures reported in CheckPoint come from many sources using several data collection sources and update schedules to make sure the data are as current as possible.

Infections
Hospitals collect data related to hospital acquired infections and report it directly to the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN), maintained by the Centers for Disease Control. The data is collected according to strict national criteria that all hospitals use. This information is audited by CMS. Infection data is updated every three months.

Mortality and Readmissions
The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) receives billing information for all Medicare patients. They use this data to calculate mortality and readmission rates for Medicare patients. WHA is able to access these rates from a national database for reporting on CheckPoint. CMS mortality and readmission rates are updated once a year.

Patient Experience of Care Survey
The patient experience of care data is collected using the Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS) survey. Survey vendors distribute the surveys and process the results. The survey results are sent to the national Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) warehouse and then, publicly reported on the CMS Hospital Compare web site. CheckPoint receives the survey results for Wyoming hospitals directly from the CMS data warehouse. The patient experience of care survey results are updated every three months.