

Glossary

Benchmark - something that serves as a standard by which others may be measured or judged

Catheter – a tube that is placed into the body

CAUTI (Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infection) – infection associated with a urinary catheter

CDC (Center for Disease Control and Prevention) - a national public health institute that works on disease control and prevention

CLABSI (Central Line Associated Blood Stream Infection) – infection associated with a central intravenous line, which is a narrow tube inserted by a doctor into a large vein of a patient’s neck or chest to give important medical treatment.

CMS (The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services) - a federal agency within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, responsible for Medicare, Medicaid, State Childrens Health Insurance Program (SCHIP), Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, and Clinical Laboratory Improvements Act.

HCAHPS (Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers & Systems) - (pronounced H-caps) is a national, standardized survey of patient’s perception of their hospital experience

Hysterectomy – surgery to remove the uterus

National Average - average of all hospitals in the country, that are reporting a specific measure, as reported the CMS

NHSN (National Healthcare Safety Network) – national system, maintained by CDC, for tracking healthcare-associated infections

PCI (Percutaneous Coronary Intervention) - procedure, often referred to as an angioplasty, is used to open blocked blood vessels that cause heart attacks

Rehab (Rehabilitation) – a care setting a patient may go to following a stroke or serious illness or injury to regain physical strength and the ability to do normal daily activities

SCIP (Surgical Care Improvement Project) – a set of measures related to preventing infections and other medical complications in patients who have surgery

SIR (Standardized Infection Ratio) – measure used to compare how a single hospital’s number of infections compares to a national standard. SIRs are calculated by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

SSI (Surgical Site Infection) – an infection that occurs after surgery in the part of the body where the surgery took place

State Average - the average of Wyoming hospitals reporting each measure

State Benchmark - the 90th percentile of Wyoming hospitals reporting each measure