
The AACVPR PR Outcomes Resource Guide is a resource designed to provide pulmonary professionals with information regarding available, evidence-based PR outcome measures and resources. The guide has been updated with new resources and notes and can be accessed on the AACVPR Registry User Resource Page here.

AACVPR Cardiac and Pulmonary Registry User Resource Alert: Accessing Your Data for Quality and Performance

Interested in learning more about using the registry reports to their full potential? View the Webcast “Assessing Your Data for Quality and Performance” today. This hour-long video will help registry users understand the various reporting features within the registries, instruct users how to undertake data completeness and accuracy checks, use the Basic Data Extraction Utility to pull all records or target records meeting specific conditions, and much more. Build upon your knowledge of the registries by viewing this instructional video today!

Featured Registry User Case Study: Using the Data Extraction Tool to Help Build your Program

Karen A. Edwards, MS, RCEP, RRT, AACVPR Registry Co-chair and Lead in Cardiac and Pulmonary Rehabilitation at Pulse Heart Institute – MultiCare Auburn Medical Center in Auburn, Washington. Karen
and her team have subscribed to the AACVPR Pulmonary Rehabilitation Registry since 2014. The Registry allows them to track their Pulmonary Rehab patients closely and use data to help enhance and grow their program.

Pulmonary Rehabilitation is often not ordered upon discharge from a hospital admission for COPD. Karen and her team know the value of Pulmonary Rehab and the impact it has on improving a patient’s quality of life. Their program enters every referral into the Pulmonary Rehab Registry. Using the Data Extraction tool, they obtained the total number of referrals for 2015 and broke down the number of referrals per quarter. Their program used this data to set a Performance Improvement Goal for 2016. Based on their 2015 data, they were able to see that the number of referrals was lower than they thought it should be, thus they set a goal for a 20% increase in referrals for the year 2016. To help achieve this goal, Karen spoke with physician inpatient hospitalist and pulmonology teams to educate them on the need for referral to pulmonary rehab for patients with COPD at discharge. In addition, Karen worked with the medicine collaborative at her hospital to get a Pulmonary Rehab Order into the COPD Order Set as an automatic referral and was successful in this endeavor. Their program saw a 30% increase in referrals for 2016.

“The Registry is an invaluable tool that has numerous applications and uses in the administration and enhancement of our Pulmonary Rehab program. We have found that physicians appreciate the data we provide them and when you combine that with the patient experience/story they are more willing to refer their patients to Pulmonary Rehabilitation.”

Missed the Registry Presentations at the AACVPR 31st Annual Meeting? View the Slides Now!

The Registry User Resource Page now includes slides from the Cardiac Registry and Pulmonary Registry presentations, as well as a brief presentation on the Registry connection to Program Certification from the AACVPR 31st Annual Meeting last year in New Orleans. Review the slides today!

Provide Us With Your Feedback: Complete the Registry User Survey Today!

Your feedback on the registry trainings, registry user resources, and the live registry will help us to improve our offerings for all registry users. We now have a standing registry user feedback survey that programs are invited to complete to provide us with feedback on how to improve the registries.

New and experienced registry users alike are encouraged to complete the survey here: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/registryusersurvey. The Registry User Resource Page will also always host a link to the survey at https://www.aacvpr.org/Registry/Registry-User-Resources.

Registry FAQs

Q: Could some blank text fields be added to the registry so we could enter notes or custom tool scores?

A: It is not possible to have “blank” fields in the Registry as this might compromise our protected HIPAA status. For example, a program could mistakenly enter other protected health information or a patient identifier in the field and we would not know that. Also, free text fields cannot be aggregated or queried because there is no way our developer would know what kind of information is being entered.

Q: Is there a patient satisfaction survey tool used within the registry?

A: Because many hospitals have their own procedures and questionnaires for evaluating patient satisfaction with services, we did not provide one in the registry. Also, because the various surveys ask different questions and measure different aspects of patient satisfaction, we could not provide a single field for the results, as it would be difficult to compare across programs.
Q: We have a new staff member at our program that will need to have access to the registry. How do I add them to our account?

A: Please reference the Adding and Removing Registry Users from Your Program Roster document for step-by-step instructions (with images) to add new users to your program’s roster.

Q: My program is using the registry for quality improvement projects and would like to be featured as a case study in a future edition of the Registry E-Newsletter. How can I submit our program to be featured as a case study in an upcoming issue?

A: If your program would like to be featured as a case study for an upcoming edition of the registry newsletter, please just email registry@aacvpr.org for more information and scheduling.

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