

AQI: Where Data Becomes Value



Level: NACOR[®] Quality Reporting Measure: AQI59 – Multimodal Pain Management

Lena Smith is the practice manager at Southern United Anesthesiology and is tasked with improving her practice's NACOR Quality Reporting scores on AQI59: Multimodal Pain Management.

This measure is to be reported by anesthesia providers each time a patient undergoes an elective surgery during the reporting period and manages the patient's pain with multimodal pain medicine. Lena's practice, which employs 35 physician anesthesiologists, has met the reporting measure on 76 percent of patients who underwent elective surgery, just below the 79.1 percent mean performance rate.

With many of her physician anesthesiologists involved in joint replacement surgery, Lena knows her practice can demonstrate quality by employing multiple categories of pain medications instead of relying on opioids alone. By communicating with staff about the need to improve the measure results, Lena hopes she can report above the 79.1 percent mean performance rate during the next quality reporting year.

With a new contract on the horizon with the local health care system, Lena's practice can **demonstrate value by showing that physician anesthesiologists are dedicated to providing the best perioperative pain management**, in order to improve patients' function and facilitate rehabilitation after surgery.

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