

# Information to Help You with Reporting and Validation

## The QualityNet website

*“Established by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), QualityNet provides healthcare quality improvement news, resources and data reporting tools and applications used by healthcare providers and others.”*

QualityNet can provide you with a lot of resources related to data abstraction and use of the CART data collection tool. **Remember to look at information that corresponds to the discharge dates of the data you are abstracting.**

### **CART abstraction resources**

QualityNet’s CART abstraction resources can provide answers to your questions related to abstracting data.

#### **To get to the CART abstraction resources:**

1. Go to [www.qualitynet.org](http://www.qualitynet.org).
2. On the right side of the screen, select “CART training.”
3. On the left side of the new screen, select “CART Abstraction Resources.”
4. **Choose the dates of discharges you wish to look at**, then select “Go.”
5. Select the data dictionary for the topic you wish to look at.
6. You can find specific elements in the Alphabetical Data Element List.

### **Quest**

QualityNet’s Quest service publishes answers to previously asked questions and permits you to post new questions.

#### **To use Quest:**

1. Go to [www.qualitynet.org](http://www.qualitynet.org).
2. On the lower right side of the screen, look for “Frequently Asked Questions” and select “QNet Quest.”
3. Enter a keyword or words (such as Working Diagnosis of Pneumonia) and select a topic (such as Hospital – Pneumonia Measures), then select “Submit.”

Quest will display previous questions; select the magnifying glass icon to view an answer. If you can’t find what you are looking for, select “Submit New Question” and use the form provided.

### **Specifications Manual**

The Specifications Manual provides information related to data collection and reporting the quality measures. The manual includes a data dictionary, information on the measures, sampling methods, data transmission, ICD-9-CM code tables, medication tables, a glossary, and more.

#### **To find the Specifications Manual:**

1. Go to [www.qualitynet.org](http://www.qualitynet.org).
2. Select the “Hospitals – Inpatient” tab.
3. From the menu, select “Specifications Manual.”
4. Use the link that corresponds to your data collection time period (based on discharge dates).

#### **Direct link:**

<http://www.qualitynet.org/dcs/ContentServer?cid=1141662756099&pagename=QnetPublic%2FPage%2FQnetTier2&c=Page>

## Tips

### ***Use Auto-Notifications***

Sign up for Auto-Notifications, which will automatically provide you with the latest information via a list serve.

#### **To sign up for Auto-Notifications:**

1. Go to [www.qualitynet.org](http://www.qualitynet.org).
2. On the lower left side of the home page, look for “Auto-Notifications” and select “Register for Notifications.”
3. Enter your information in the form and select the lists you want to be on, which include CART, HDC (Hospital Data Collection), QIO Clinical Warehouse, and HOP QDRP (Hospital Outpatient Quality Data Reporting Program).
  - For CART users: we recommend signing up for CART, HDC, and QIO Clinical Warehouse.
  - For non-CART users: sign up for HDC and QIO Clinical Warehouse.
  - If you submit outpatient data, sign up for HOP QDRP.

**Direct link:** <http://www.qualitynet.org/dcs/ContentServer?pagename=QnetPublic/ListServe/Register>

### ***Use the Acumentra Health website***

The Acumentra Health website contains a comprehensive section on hospital data reporting and the validation process, including steps for using QualityNet.

#### **To use the Acumentra Health reporting and validation pages**

1. Go to [www.acumentra.org](http://www.acumentra.org)
2. Under “Healthcare Settings,” select “Hospitals.”
3. In the links on the left side, roll the mouse over “Hospitals” to display a menu, then select “Reporting and Validation” at the bottom of the menu list.

**Direct link:** <http://www.acumentra.org/healthcare-settings/hospitals/valid-main.htm>

### **Questions:**

For help pulling reports from My QualityNet (formerly the QNet Exchange) or technical questions related to CART, contact Cheryl Prahel at 503-382-3970 or [cprahel@acumentra.org](mailto:cprahel@acumentra.org).

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