

**Abstraction Worksheet for Data Element: *Surgical Incision Time***  
**4th Quarter 2008 – 3rd Quarter 2010 discharges**

**ALLOWABLE SOURCES: ANY**

**ABSTRACT THE EARLIEST TIME IN THE HIGHEST PRIORITY LEVEL. (If there were multiple procedures in the same surgical episode of care, abstract the surgical incision time that occurs first.)**

TOP Priority Term	Hospital Documentation
INCISION TIME	

**IF YOU SEE ONE OR MORE TIMES IDENTIFIED AS “INCISION TIME,” ABSTRACT THE EARLIEST TIME AND STOP.**

*If multiple times are found, abstract the earliest. None found? Move to other 1st priority terms.*

1st Priority Terms	Your Hospital Documentation
Begin time	
Operation start time	
Procedure start time	
Start of surgery (SOS)	
Surgery start time	
Symbol used on grid and indicated in legend to be incision time	

**NOTICE THAT ALL OF THE 1ST PRIORITY TERMS ARE DESCRIBING THE BEGINNING OF THE SURGERY OR A SYMBOL INDICATING THE INCISION TIME.**

*If multiple times are found, abstract the earliest. None found? Move to 2nd priority terms.*

2nd Priority Terms	Hospital Documentation
Chest time	
Leg time	
Skin time	
Sternotomy time	

**THE 2ND PRIORITY TERMS ARE MORE GENERAL TERMS DESCRIBING THE TIME SPECIFIC INCISIONS WERE MADE.**

*If multiple times are found, abstract the earliest. None found? Move to 3rd priority terms.*

3rd Priority Terms	Hospital Documentation
Anesthesia begin time	
Anesthesia start time	
Operating room start time	

**ALL OF THE 3RD PRIORITY TERMS ARE DESCRIBING THE ANESTHESIA TIMES OR THE TIME IN THE OR.**

*If multiple times are found, abstract the earliest.*

