



SCIP-Inf-10 Abstracting Tips
For 4Q2009 to 3Q2010 Discharges
Specifications Manual 3.0c and 3.1a

Performance Measure Name: **Surgery Patients with Perioperative Temperature Management**

Active Warming

Active warming modalities are limited to:

- Forced-air warming **OR**
- Conductive, **over-the-body** active warming *** **OR**
- Warm-water garments

*** If **conductive warming blankets** are used, there must be documentation that the blanket was placed **over the patient**.


- There needs to be **clear documentation** that your warming device is one of the above active warming modalities.
- Don't forget to look at the **exclusions** in combination with the Notes for Abstraction when you abstract this element.
- **SCIP-Inf-10: Surgery Patients with Perioperative Temperature Management** will meet the measure criteria by answering Allowable Value "1", "Active warming was performed intraoperatively" **OR** Allowable Value "2", "There is documentation of at least one body temperature greater than or equal to 96.8° Fahrenheit/36° Celsius within the 30 minutes immediately prior to or the 15 minutes immediately after *Anesthesia End Time*" **OR** by selecting **both** Value "1" and "2."
- Do not stop abstracting if you find a warming modality or an acceptable temperature. This is a select **ALL that apply** answer. Make sure you check for both. If both are in your record and you only abstract one you will pass the measure but fail to match on abstraction validation.
- Check for documentation of at least one body temperature greater than or equal to 96.8° Fahrenheit/36° Celsius within the 30 minutes immediately prior to or the 15 minutes immediately after *Anesthesia End Time*. If found, also select Value "2."
- Conductive warming blankets are not the same as the exclusion "blankets warmed in a warmer." If you are unfamiliar with how each modality works please look this up.

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- If you will be using a brand name as documentation of modality, research the brand name to make sure it clearly reflects the correct modality to show active warming.
- Any documentation of modalities (either type or brand name) must also show that they were applied to and “actively warming” the patients during the defined time frame for this element.
- The “conductive heating/warming blankets” must also be documented as placed **over the body** to complete the documentation needed to abstract active heating.
- The use of the phrase “active heating” alone will not be accepted as “active heating” for abstraction. It will suffice only if used in conjunction with the modality used. (i.e. “active warming done by warm-water garments”).

Intentional Hypothermia

- Added bullet to *Specifications Manual 3.0c* revision: If there is physician/APN/PA/CRNA documentation of the patient undergoing cardiopulmonary bypass for the procedure, select “Yes.”
- **Added Inclusion Term:** Cardiopulmonary bypass.

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