The ASC Quality Collaboration includes leaders from the ambulatory surgery center (ASC) industry and associations with a focus on healthcare quality and safety. Working together, members have joined in a mutual effort to develop a standardized set of ambulatory surgery quality measures.

The following six ASC Quality Collaboration Measures
have been endorsed by the National Quality Forum (NQF)
The first five in November 2007 and the last measure in October 2008
Each measure is listed below with its specific definition and criteria.

Patient Burn

Intent	To capture the number of admissions (patients) who experience a burn prior to discharge
Numerator/Denominator	Numerator: Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) admissions experiencing a burn prior to discharge
	Denominator: All ASC admissions
Inclusions/Exclusions	Numerator Inclusions: ASC admissions experiencing a burn prior to discharge
	Numerator Exclusions: None
	Denominator Inclusions: All ASC admissions
	Denominator Exclusions: None
Data Sources	ASC operational data, including administrative records, medical records, incident/occurrence reports and quality improvement reports
Data Element Definition and Allowable Values	Admission: completion of registration upon entry into the facility; Allowable values: The count for this data element would be represented by any whole number 0 or greater
	Burn: Unintended tissue injury caused by any of the six recognized mechanisms: scalds, contact, fire, chemical, electrical or radiation, (e.g. warming devices, prep solutions, electrosurgical unit or laser); Allowable values: The count for this data element would be represented by any whole number 0 or greater

Prophylactic IV Antibiotic Timing

Intent	To capture whether antibiotics given for prevention of surgical site infection were administered on time
Numerator/Denominator	Numerator: Number of Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) admissions with an order for a prophylactic IV antibiotic for prevention of surgical site infection, who received the prophylactic antibiotic on time
	Denominator: All ASC admissions with a preoperative order for a prophylactic IV antibiotic for prevention of surgical site infection
Inclusions/Exclusions	Numerator Exclusions: None
	Denominator Exclusions: ASC admissions with a preoperative order for a prophylactic IV antibiotic for prevention of infections other than surgical site infections (e.g. bacterial endocarditis); ASC admissions with a preoperative order for a prophylactic antibiotic not administered by the intravenous route
Data Sources	ASC operational data, including medical records, medication administration records, nursing notes, IV flow sheets, clinical logs, incident/occurrence reports and quality improvement reports
Data Element Definition and Allowable Values	Admission: completion of registration upon entry into the facility; Allowable values: The count for this data element would be represented by any whole number 0 or greater
	Antibiotic administered on time: Antibiotic infusion is initiated within one hour prior to the time of the initial surgical incision or the beginning of the procedure (e.g., introduction of endoscope, insertion of needle, inflation of tourniquet) or two hours prior if vancomycin or fluoroquinolones are administered. Timing starts at the time antibiotic infusion is initiated. Allowable values: 0 minutes to 24 hours reporting in military time format from 0:00 to 23:59; hours from 00 to 23 and minutes from 00 to 59. If unable to determine (UTD), "UTD" is assigned.
	Prophylactic antibiotic: an antibiotic prescribed with the intent of reducing the probability of an infection related to an invasive procedure. For purposes of this measure, the following antibiotics are considered prophylaxis for surgical site infections: Ampicillin/sulbactam, Aztreonam, Cefazolin, Cefmetazole, Cefotetan, Cefoxitin, Cefuroxime, Ciprofloxacin, Clindamycin, Erythromycin, Gatifloxacin, Gentamicin, Levofloxacin, Metronidazole, Moxifloxacin, Neomycin and Vancomycin

Patient Fall in the ASC

Intent	To capture the number of admissions (patients) who experience a fall within the ASC
Numerator/Denominator	Numerator: Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) admissions experiencing a fall within the confines of the ASC
	Denominator: All ASC admissions
Inclusions/Exclusions	Numerator Inclusion: ASC admissions experiencing a fall within the confines of the ASC
	Numerator Exclusion: ASC admissions experiencing a fall outside the ASC
	Denominator Inclusion: All ASC admissions
	Denominator Exclusion: ASC admissions experiencing a fall outside the ASC
Data Sources	ASC operational data, including administrative records, medical records, incident/occurrence reports and quality improvement reports
Data Element Definition and Allowable Values	Admission: completion of registration upon entry into the facility; Allowable values: The count for this data element would be represented by any whole number 0 or greater
	Fall: a sudden, uncontrolled, unintentional, downward displacement of the body to the ground or other object, excluding falls resulting from violent blows or other purposeful actions. (National Center for Patient Safety)

Wrong Site, Wrong Side, Wrong Patient, Wrong Procedure, Wrong Implant

Intent	To capture any ASC admissions (patients) who experience a wrong site, side, patient, procedure or implant
Numerator/Denominator	Numerator: All Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) admissions experiencing a wrong site, wrong side, wrong patient, wrong procedure or wrong implant
	Denominator: All ASC admissions
Inclusions/Exclusions	Numerator Inclusions: All ASC admissions experiencing a wrong site, wrong side, wrong patient, wrong procedure or wrong implant
	Numerator Exclusions: None
	Denominator Inclusions: All ASC admissions
	Denominator Exclusions: None
Data Sources	ASC operational data, including administrative records, medical records, incident/occurrence reports, quality improvement reports
Data Element Definition and Allowable Values	Admission: completion of registration upon entry into the facility; Allowable values: The count for this data element would be represented by any whole number 0 or greater
	Wrong: not in accordance with intended site, side, patient, procedure or implant; Allowable values: The count for this data element would be represented by any whole number 0 or greater

Hospital Transfer/Admission

Intent	To capture any ASC admissions (patients) who are transferred or admitted to a hospital upon discharge from the ASC
Numerator/Denominator	Numerator: Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) admissions requiring a hospital transfer or hospital admission upon discharge from the ASC
	Denominator: All ASC admissions
Inclusions/Exclusions	Numerator Inclusions: ASC admissions requiring a hospital transfer or hospital admission upon discharge from the ASC
	Numerator Exclusions: None
	Denominator Inclusions: All ASC admissions
	Denominator Exclusions: None
Data Sources	ASC operational data, including administrative records, medical records, incident/occurrence reports and quality improvement reports
Data Element Definition and Allowable Values	Admission: completion of registration upon entry into the facility; Allowable values: The count for this data element would be represented by any whole number 0 or greater
	Hospital transfer/admission: any transfer/admission from an ASC directly to an acute care hospital including hospital emergency room; Allowable values: The count for this data element would be represented by any whole number 0 or greater
	Discharge: occurs when the patient leaves the confines of the ASC

Appropriate Surgical Site Hair Removal

Intent	To capture the number of admissions (patients) who have appropriate surgical site hair removal
Numerator/Denominator	Numerator: Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) admissions with surgical site hair removal with clippers or depilatory cream
	Denominator: All ASC admissions with surgical site hair removal
Inclusions/Exclusions	Numerator Inclusions: ASC admissions with surgical site hair removal with clippers or depilatory cream
	Numerator Exclusions: None
	Denominator Inclusions: None
	Denominator Exclusions: ASC admissions who perform their own hair removal
Data Sources	ASC operational data, including administrative records, medical records, incident/occurrence reports and quality improvement reports
Data Element Definition and Allowable Values	Admission: completion of registration upon entry into the facility; Allowable values: The count for this data element would be represented by any whole number 0 or greater