Data Element Name: Temperature

Collected For: CMS/The Joint Commission: SCIP-Inf-10

Definition: Documentation of active warming used intraoperatively OR at least one body temperature equal to or greater than 96.8° Fahrenheit/36° Celsius within the 30 minutes immediately prior to or the 15 minutes immediately after Anesthesia End Time is found in the medical record.

NOTE: For active warming, the timeframe for the intraoperative period is from Anesthesia Start Time through Anesthesia End Time.

Suggested Data Collection Question: Was there documentation of active warming used intraoperatively OR at least one body temperature equal to or greater than 96.8° Fahrenheit/36° Celsius within the 30 minutes immediately prior to or the 15 minutes immediately after Anesthesia End Time in the medical record?

Format:
   Length: 1
   Type: Alphanumeric
   Occurs: 1-2

Allowable Values:
Select all that apply:
1   Active warming was performed intraoperatively.
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.
3   There is no documentation of Allowable Values 1 AND 2.
4   Unable to determine from the medical record documentation.

Notes for Abstraction:
- Active warming is limited to forced-air warming, conductive warming, warm-water garments, and resistive warming.
- Active warming can be performed at any time from Anesthesia Start Time through Anesthesia End Time. If the patient had a warming device on any time during the intraoperative period, select “1.” The warming device can be placed prior to the Anesthesia Start Time, but should be documented as used during the intraoperative period.
- The temperature can be any temperature value recorded within the 30 minutes immediately prior to or the 15 minutes immediately after Anesthesia End Time.
• If the recorded temperature was not within the specified range but active warming with the specified modalities was used intraoperatively, select “1.”
• If the recorded temperature was lower than the specified range AND no active warming was used, select “3.”
• If active warming was performed intraoperatively AND there is documentation of at least one body temperature greater than or equal to 96.8°F Fahrenheit/36°Celsius within the 30 minutes immediately prior to or the 15 minutes immediately after Anesthesia End Time, select “1” and “2.”
• If Allowable Values “3” or “4” are selected, no other value should be selected.
• Temperature values that need converting, such as axillary temperature values, should be converted prior to recording in the medical record for the purposes of abstraction.

Suggested Data Sources:
• Anesthesia record
• Operative Note
• Operative record
• PACU/recovery room record
• Vital signs graphic record

Inclusion Guidelines for Abstraction:
Temperature:
• Axillary temperature
• Bladder probe
• Core temp
• Esophageal temperature
• Oral/PO/by mouth
• Rectal temp
• Rectally ( R )
• Skin surface temperatures
• T/R
• Temporal artery temperatures
• Tympanic (tymp) temperature

Patient Warming Modalities:
• Conductive warming
• Forced air warming
• Resistive warming
• Warm water garments
Exclusion Guidelines for Abstraction:
Patient Warming Modalities:
• Airway heaters or humidifiers
• Blood and fluid warmers
• Body cavity lavage
• Passive heating systems (space blankets or caps)
• Radiant heat sources
• Blankets heated in a blanket warmer