The Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project (HCUP)

Tools and Products to Support Health Services Research and Policy Analysis

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Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project (HCUP)

THE LARGEST COLLECTION OF MULTI-YEAR, ALL-PAYER, ENCOUNTER-LEVEL:

INPATIENT
EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT
AMBULATORY SURGERY AND SERVICES

HOSPITAL-BASED ADMINISTRATIVE DATA
HCUP is a comprehensive set of publicly available all-payer health care data.

Includes multi-year inpatient and outpatient data, based on the hospital billing record.

- HCUP Databases
  - SID
  - SEDD
  - SASD
  - NEDS
  - NIS
  - KID

- Research Tools
- Research Publications
- User Support
The Core of HCUP: Hospital-Based IP, ED, AS Databases

Inpatient, Emergency Department, and Ambulatory Surgery and Services Databases Based on Hospital Billing Data
HCUP Has Six Types of Databases

- State Emergency Department Databases (SEDD)
- State Inpatient Databases (SID)
- State Ambulatory Surgery and Services Databases (SASD)
- Nationwide Emergency Department Sample (NEDS)
- Nationwide Inpatient Sample (NIS)
- Kids’ Inpatient Database (KID)
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Most HCUP Tools Can be Applied to Any Administrative Database

- Clinical Classifications Software
- Procedure Classes
- Chronic Condition Indicator
- Comorbidity Software
- Utilization Flags
- AHRQ Quality Indicators
  - Prevention Quality Indicators
  - Inpatient Quality Indicators
  - Patient Safety Indicators
  - Pediatric Indicators
Most Tools Based On Medical Coding Classifications

- ICD-9-CM
- CPT
- HCPCS
- DRGs
- MDC
- CCS
Multiple Coding Systems

- ICD-9-CM
- CPT
- HCPCS

Individual Codes

- DRGs
- MDC
- CCS

Groupers

Which coding system is appropriate for your analysis?
• ICD-9-CM Procedure Codes
• ICD-9-CM Diagnosis Codes
• Included in both inpatient and outpatient databases
• CPT
• HCPCS
• Local Codes
• Included in outpatient (ED and SASD) databases
Groups ICD-9-CM Codes into Clinical/Resource Categories using principal diagnosis, secondary diagnoses, surgical procedures, age, gender, and discharge status of the patients treated.
Major Diagnostic Category (MDC)

- Over 15,000 ICD-9-CM Codes
- Approximately 500 DRGs
- 25 MDCs
Clinical Classifications Software (CCS)

- Clusters diagnosis and procedure codes into categories
  - >12,000 diagnosis codes → 289 categories
  - >4,000 procedure codes → 231 categories
- Useful for presenting descriptive statistics, understanding patterns

CCS for ICD-9

ICD-9-CM Codes
0031 0202 0223 0362 0380 0381 03810 03811 03819 0382 0383 03840 03841 03842 03843 03844 03849 0388 0389 0545 0700 0701 0702 07020 07021 07022 07023 0703 07030 07031 07032 07033 0704 07041 07042 07043 07044 07049

CCS Categories
- CCS 2: Septicemia
- CCS 6: Hepatitis
Clinical Classifications Software (CCS)

- ICD-9-CM diagnoses and procedures
  - Single-level
  - Multi-level
- ICD-10-CM diagnoses and ICD-10-PCS procedures (Beta)
  - Single-level
- ICD-10 for mortality
- Services and Procedures
  - Common Procedural Terminology (AMA)
What Codes Are Used in HCUP Data Files

**DETAILED CODES**
- ICD-9-CM
  - Diagnosis Codes
  - Procedure Codes
- CPT
- HCPCS

**GROUPED CODES**
- DRG
- MDC
- CCS

### Inpatient Databases
- ICD-9-CM
- DRG
- MDC
- CCS

### Outpatient Databases
- ICD-9-CM
- CPT
- HCPCS
- CCS

- SID
- NIS
- KID
- NEDS
- SASD
- SEDD
• Groups procedure codes into one of four categories
  ► ICD-10-PCS procedure codes (Beta)
  ► ICD-9-CM procedure codes

• Major procedures defined as OR procedures (DRGs)

1. Minor Diagnostic
   Ex: Electrocardiogram

2. Minor Therapeutic
   Ex: Pacemaker

3. Major Diagnostic
   Ex: Pericardial Biopsy

4. Major Therapeutic
   Ex: CABG
Chronic Condition Indicator (CCI)

- Groups diagnosis codes into Chronic or Non-Chronic Categories
  - ICD-10-CM diagnosis codes (Beta)
  - ICD-9-CM diagnosis codes

- **Chronic**
  - Ex: Diabetes

- **Non-Chronic**
  - Ex: Food Poisoning
Comorbidity Software

- Creates and appends indicator flags to each record for 29 major comorbidities
  - ICD-10-CM diagnosis codes (Beta)
  - ICD-9-CM diagnosis codes

ICD-10-CM or ICD-9-CM Codes, DRGs on Administrative Data

29 Comorbidity Groups
- Valvular disease
- Pulm circ disorders
- Peripheral vascular dx
- Hypertension
- Paralysis
- Other neuro disorders
- Chronic pulmonary dx
- DM w/o complications
- DM w/ complications
- Hypothyroidism
- Renal failure
- Liver disease …
Utilization Flags

- Reveals additional information about the use of health care services
- Primarily uses UB-04 revenue codes, augmented with ICD-9-CM procedure codes

Utilization Flag Software

UB-04 codes + ICD-9-CM codes

- Emergency Room
- Observation Services/CT Scan
- Intensive Care Unit
There are not ICD-9-CM codes for all services. Concern exists that some diagnostic procedures may be under-reported.
AHRQ Quality Indicators (QI)

• Creates measures of health care quality using inpatient administrative data
  ▶ 4 Quality Indicators
    1. Prevention Quality Indicators
    2. Inpatient Quality Indicators
    3. Patient Safety Indicators
    4. Pediatric Indicators
Prevention Quality Indicators (PQIs)

• Identify hospital admissions that are potentially preventable through high-quality outpatient care.

• Examples of PQI Measures:
  ► Diabetes Short-term Complication Admission Rate
  ► Diabetes Long-term Complication Admission Rate
  ► Pediatric Asthma Admission Rate
  ► Pediatric Gastroenteritis Admission Rate
  ► Hypertension Admission Rate
• Reflect quality of care inside hospitals:
  ► Inpatient mortality for medical conditions and surgical procedures
  ► Utilization of procedures
  ► Volume of procedures

• Examples of IQI Measures:
  ► Esophageal Resection Volume
  ► Pneumonia Mortality Rate
  ► Coronary Artery Bypass Graft Mortality Rate
  ► Cesarean Section Delivery Rate
• Identify potentially avoidable complications and iatrogenic events.

• Examples of PSI Measures:
  ► Complications of Anesthesia
  ► Death in Low-Mortality DRGs
  ► Decubitus Ulcer
  ► Failure to Rescue
  ► Foreign Body Left During Procedure
  ► Latrogenic Pneumothorax
Pediatric Quality Indicators (PDI)

- Identify potentially avoidable hospitalizations among children.
- Examples of PDI Measures:
  - Accidental Puncture or Laceration
  - Decubitus Ulcer
  - Neonatal mortality
  - Pediatric Heart Surgery Mortality
  - Postoperative Hemorrhage or Hematoma
Introduction

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) has developed an array of health care decision making and research tools that can be used by program managers, researchers, and others at the Federal, State and local levels. The Quality Indicators (QIs) are measures of health care quality that make use of readily available hospital inpatient administrative data. The current AHRQ QI™ modules expand HCUP QIs. The QIs can be used to highlight potential quality concerns, identify areas that need further study and investigation, and track changes over time.

The current AHRQ QI modules represent various aspects of quality: Prevention Quality Indicators, Inpatient Quality Indicators, Patient Safety Indicators, and Pediatric Quality Indicators.

The AHRQ QIs are used in free software distributed by AHRQ. The software can be used to help hospitals identify quality of care events that might need further study. The software programs can be applied to any hospital inpatient administrative data.
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HCUP Supplemental Files can only be applied to HCUP Databases

- Supplemental Variables for Revisit Analyses
- Cost-to-Charge Ratio Files
- Hospital Market Structure Files
- Trends Files (NIS & KID)
- NIS Hospital Ownership File
- AHA Linkage Files
• Enable conversion of charge data to cost data on the NIS, KID, and SID

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Hospital-Level Data  ➔  Apply Ratios  ➔  Convert Total Charges to Costs
Hospital Market Structure (HMS) Files

- Contain various measures of hospital market competition
- Allow users to broadly characterize the intensity of competition that hospitals face
  - Using various definitions of market area
HCUP Supplemental Variables for Revisit Analyses

- Allows linkage across settings and time
  - Hospital readmissions
  - ED visits following hospital discharge
  - Inpatient hospitalizations following ambulatory surgery visits
- Adheres to strict privacy guidelines
HCUP Supplemental Variables for Revisit Analyses

There are two HCUP supplemental variables:

1. Synthetic person-level identifiers
   - Verified against the patient’s date of birth and gender
   - Examined for completeness (VisitLink)

2. Timing variable determines the number of days between events for an individual (DaysToEvent)
   - Without the use of actual dates

HCUP revisit variables can be used only with the SID, SASD, and SEDD (not nationwide databases) for States with encrypted patient identifiers.

National revisit statistics are available on HCUPnet.
## HCUP Supplemental Variables for Revisit Analyses by State

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Example of how to use the revisit variables

- Examined rates of acute care utilization and rehospitalizations for patients with sickle cell disease in eight geographically dispersed states

- 30-day and 14-day rehospitalization rates were 33.4% and 22.1%

- Rehospitalization rate was highest for 18- to 30-year-olds (41.1% within 30 days and 28.4% within 14 days)

- Rehospitalizations were also highest for publicly insured patients

Trends Files (NIS & KID)
- Discharge-level files that provide trend weights and data elements that are consistently defined across data years

NIS Hospital Ownership File
- Hospital-level files facilitate analysis of the NIS by hospital ownership categories

AHA Linkage Files
- Enable researchers to link hospital identifiers in some State databases to the AHA Annual Survey Databases

http://www.hcup-us.ahrq.gov/tools_software.jsp
HCPNet is an interactive tool for identifying, tracking, analyzing, and comparing statistics on hospital and emergency care. HCPNet provides statistics from the HCP nationwide databases (HIS, KID, and NEDS) and the State-level databases (SID, SADP, and SEID) for those States that have agreed to participate.

MonaHRQ

MonaHRQ is a software product that enables organizations - such as state and local data organizations, Chartered Value Exchanges, hospital systems, and health plans - to input their own hospital administrative data and generate a data-driven Web site.

HCP Tools & Software

The HCP Tools and Software are analytic methods that, when applied to HCP databases, systematically create new data elements from existing data, thereby enhancing a researcher’s ability to conduct analyses. While designed to be used with HCP databases, they may be applied to other administrative databases as well.

Clinical Classifications Software (CCS) for ICD-9-CM

Clinical Classifications Software (CCS) provides a method for classifying ICD-9-CM diagnoses or procedures into clinically meaningful categories, which can be used for aggregate statistical reporting of a variety of types. (Updated for codes valid through FY 2014.)

Clinical Classifications Software for Services and Procedures

CCS-Services and Procedures provides a method for classifying Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes and Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes into clinically meaningful procedure categories. The procedure categories are identical to the CCS, with the addition of specific categories unique to professional service codes in CPT/HCPCS. Users must agree to a license to use the CCS-Services and Procedures before accessing the software. (Updated for codes valid through 2014.)

Clinical Classifications Software (CCS) for mortality reporting

Clinical Classifications Software (CCS) for mortality reporting provides a method for classifying ICD-10 mortality diagnoses into clinically meaningful categories, which can be used for aggregate statistical reporting of a variety of types. Note that this is the original ICD-10 system for mortality reporting: not ICD-10-CM/PCS coding which will be implemented on October 1, 2014. Codes are valid through 2009. Please visit the following link to download ICD-10-CM/PCS Beta Test Tools.

Clinical Classifications Software for Mental Health and Substance Abuse (CCS-MHSA)

Clinical Classifications Software for Mental Health and Substance Abuse (CCS-MHSA) has been integrated into the Clinical Classifications Software tool (CCS).

ICD-10-CM/PCS tools are now available in beta version for public evaluation. Please visit the following link to download the tools: ICD-10-CM/PCS Beta Test Tools Page. Official implementation of ICD-10-CM/PCS is scheduled for October 1, 2015.

AHRQ Quality Indicators (QIs)

AHRQ Quality Indicators (QIs) use hospital administrative data to highlight potential quality concerns, identify areas that need further study and investigation, and track changes over time.

Chronic Condition Indicator

The Chronic Condition Indicator (CCI) provides users an easy way to categorize ICD-9-CM diagnosis codes into one of two categories: chronic or not chronic. The tool can also assign ICD-9-CM diagnosis codes into 1 of 18 body system categories. (Updated for codes valid through FY 2014.)

Comorbidity Software

Comorbidity Software assigns variables that identify coexisting conditions on hospital discharge records. (Updated for codes valid through FY 2014.)

Procedure Classes

Procedure Classes facilitate research on hospital services using administrative data by identifying whether a procedure is (a) diagnostic or therapeutic, and (b) minor or major in terms of invasiveness and/or resource use. (Updated for codes valid through FY 2014.)

Utilization Flags

Utilization Flags reveal additional information about use of health care services by combining information from UB-04 revenue codes and ICD-9-CM procedure codes to create flags or indicators of utilization. Use of procedures and services such as ICU, CCU, NICU, and specific diagnostic tests and therapies can be assessed with these Utilization Flags. (Updated for codes valid through 2013.)
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HCUPnet: Quick, free access to HCUP Data

• Free, interactive online query system
• Users generate tables of outcomes by diagnoses and procedures
• Data can be cross-classified by patient and hospital characteristics

http://hcup.ahrq.gov/hcupnet
HCUPnet Can Answer a Variety of Questions

- What percentage of hospitalizations for children are uninsured, by State?
- What are the most expensive conditions treated in U.S. hospitals?
- What is the trend in admissions for depression?
- Will there be a sufficient number of cases to do my analysis?
- How do my estimates and calculations compare with HCUPnet (validation)?
HCUPnet provides …

• Step-by-step queries on:
  ► Hospital inpatient (NIS and KID)
  ► ED visits (NEDS)
  ► National and regional statistics

• Specialized queries:
  ► Mental health related stays
  ► Stays by expected payer
  ► Hospital-level statistics

• Ready-to-use:
  ► National benchmarks for healthcare quality indicators based on the AHRQ Quality Indicators
  ► “Quick national or State statistics”
  ► Readmissions
  ► Community-level Statistics (Beta version)
How does HCUPnet Work?

HCUPnet is based on aggregate statistics tables to speed up data transfer and protect individual records, so not all possible queries can be addressed. If a query is not possible, HCUPnet will not allow you to choose certain parameters. If there is a query you'd like to see that HCUPnet does not support, please contact us at hcup@ahrq.hhs.gov.

With HCUPnet, you build your query step-by-step. Here are the basic steps:

**Step 1: Select the focus of your query.**
- Click National Statistics if you want information on the entire U.S.
- Click For Children Only if you want to focus on children.
- Click State Statistics to see what State data are available.
- Check out Quick National and State Statistics to see if the information you want is available here in ready-to-go, fully sortable tables.
- Click AHRQ Quality Indicators to get information on the quality of the health care system in the U.S.

**Step 2: Select the type of query you want.**
- By Diagnosis or Procedure gives you detailed statistics for particular diagnoses or procedures.
  - You'll be able to get statistics by ICD-9-CM codes, by CCS category (a clinical grouper that puts ICD-9-CM codes into clinically homogeneous categories), by DRG (diagnosis related groups that are used by many insurers for reimbursement purposes), or by MCC (general groups of DRGs that compose body systems).
- If you're interested in statistics about all patients in general, click All Stays.
- Click Trends if you want to see tables and graphs with trends over time.
- Click Rank Order if you'd like to rank diagnoses or procedures by such factors as number of discharges, charges, or mortality rate.
Step 3: Select the Outcomes and Measures. HCUPnet provides a wide range of measures:

- Number of discharges
- Length of stay
- Total charges
- Total costs
- Aggregate charges
- Percent died in the hospital
- Discharge status
- Percent admitted through the emergency department
- Percent admitted from another hospital
- Percent admitted from a long term care facility

Step 4: Select patient and hospital characteristics. With HCUPnet you can Compare Patients by:

- Age
- Gender
- Primary payer
- Median income of the patient's ZIP code

And you can Compare Hospital Types by:

- Region of the country
- Teaching status
- Location
- Bedsize
- Ownership/control

Step 5: Results. You then get your results in a format that can be printed or downloaded or you can instantly rerun the same query on another database within HCUPnet.

A navigation bar above the query pages lets you know where you are in the HCUPnet system. You can use the navigation bar to go back to previous pages.
Welcome to HCUPnet

HCUPnet is a free, online query system based on data from the Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project (HCUP). It provides access to health statistics and information on hospital inpatient and emergency department utilization.

http://hcupnet.ahrq.gov

Statistics on Hospital Stays

- National Statistics on All Stays
  Create your own statistics for national and regional estimates on hospital use for all patients from the HCUP Nationwide Inpatient Sample (NIS). Overview of the Nationwide Inpatient Sample (NIS)

- National Statistics on Mental Health Hospitalizations
  Interested in acute care hospital stays for mental health and substance abuse? Create your own national statistics from the NIS.

- State Statistics on All Stays
  Create your own statistics on stays in hospitals for participating States from the HCUP State Inpatient Databases (SID). Overview of the State Inpatient Databases (SID)

- National Statistics on Children
  Create your own statistics for national estimates on use of hospitals by children (age 0-17 years) from the HCUP Kids' Inpatient Database (KID). Overview of the Kids' Inpatient Database (KID)

- National and State Statistics on Hospital Stays by Payer - Medicare, Medicaid, Private, Uninsured
  Interested in hospital stays billed to a specific payer? Create your own statistics for a payer, alone or compared to other payers from the NIS, KID, and SID.

- Quick National or State Statistics
  Ready-to-use tables on commonly requested information from the HCUP Nationwide Inpatient Sample (NIS), the HCUP Kids' Inpatient Database (KID), or the HCUP State Inpatient Databases (SID).
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Characteristics of Operating Room Procedures in U.S. Hospitals, 2011

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Introduction

Patients admitted to the hospital must undergo a variety of treatments, including surgical therapy involving administration of anesthesia, a variety of medications, and other medications administered during the treatment. In 2011, the most common OR procedures included: (1) procedures involving the replacement of bone (e.g., hip replacement), (2) procedures involving the replacement of tissue (e.g., skin grafting), (3) procedures involving the replacement of organs (e.g., heart transplant), and (4) procedures involving the replacement of small structures (e.g., retina). These procedures are typically performed in hospital ORs.

Identifying the volume, characteristics, and costs of OR procedures can help policymakers and researchers better understand the savings achieved by using OR procedures in hospitals. For example, some low-volume, complex surgical procedures, such as bariatric surgery, are once more performed in hospital ORs, but cost more per procedure than other procedures performed in hospital ORs.

This study used data from the 2011 National Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project (HCUP) on hospitalizations of OR procedures in the United States. OR procedures were classified into 11 categories based on the procedure code. In this study, OR procedures are identified based on the HCUP procedure classification. The findings in this Brief represent an update to 2007 data

[For further details, please refer to the original document.]
Methodological information on the HCUP databases and software tools

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- Collects user feedback and suggestions for improvement

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Interactive On-line HCUP Overview Course Available

- Provides information about HCUP data, software tools, and products
- Length 90 min

http://www.hcup-us.ahrq.gov/overviewcourse.jsp
• Tutorial explains the sampling strategy of the three nationwide databases – the NIS, KID, and NEDS
• Length 30 min

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Load and Check HCUP Data

• Provides instructions on how to unzip HCUP data, save it on your computer, and load data into a statistical software package

• Length 20 min

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Producing National HCUP Estimates

- Explains how to produce national estimates from the three nationwide databases (NIS, NEDS, KID)
- Length 45 min

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Calculating Standard Errors

• Explains how to accurately determine the precision of the estimates produced from the HCUP nationwide databases
• Length 30 min

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Multi-Year Analysis

- Describe problems that may arise when using multiple years of HCUP data and provides solutions for addressing these issues
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