

# Physician Documentation Optimization

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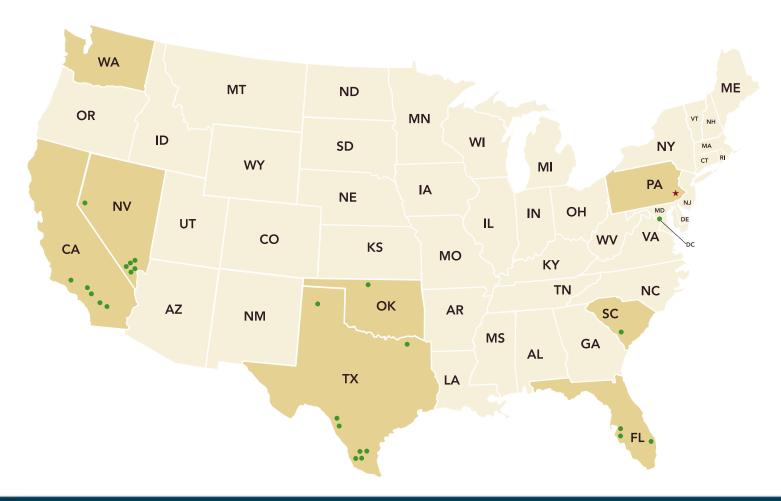
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### **UHS**

- Fortune 500 Company Headquartered in King of Prussia with ~ \$11 billion in annual revenue& 83K employees
- Own and operate 27 acute care hospitals & >300 behavioral health facilities in U.S & U.K





# **Physician Alignment**

- Approximately 6,000 credentialed physicians
  - 2,250 active physicians
- UHS employs limited numbers of physicians:
  - 500 physicians
  - 115 practice locations
- All other MDs are independent physicians, some of whom split patients with competitors
- Challenge for us is to create a better EMR experience for physicians and nurses practicing in our facilities



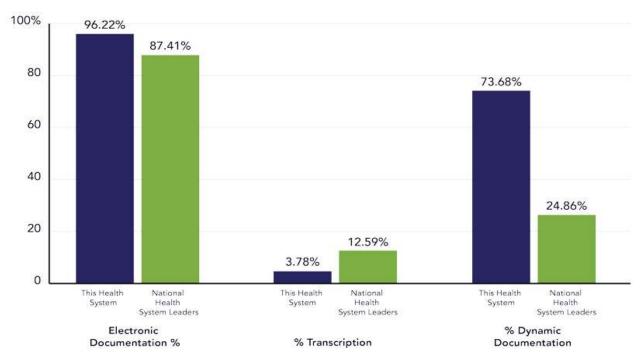
# **Approach to Physician Documentation**

- Previously inpatient physicians were primarily using dictation with mix of electronic & handwritten progress notes
  - Hybrid chart (EMR + Paper Record)
- Goal to transition physicians off dictation and to the EMR
- UHS customized documentation tool included voice recognition system
- Focus on usability and efficiency with good adoption



# **UHS Physician Documentation Utilization**

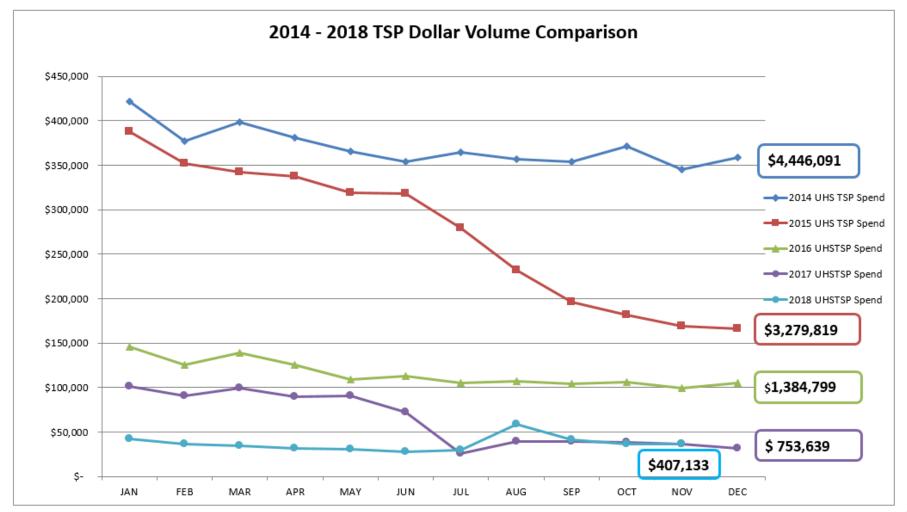
- · High electronic documentation adoption of 96 percent 10 percent higher than national health system leaders
- · Reduction in transcription to 3.8 percent 9 percent lower than national health system leaders
- · Significant use of dynamic documentation of 73.7 percent 49 percent higher than national health system leaders





# Physician Adoption Results Transcription Service Provider – Expense Reduction

(25%+ increase in Admits during these years)





# **DQR Project Background**

- Use back end computer assisted coding
- Started looking into front end (physician) concurrent coding in 2015
  - Sought a solution that integrated well into existing physician workflow



# **Role of Documentation in Quality**

- Hospitals and now Physicians are being measured on the quality of care delivered
- Metrics being monitored include:
  - Severity of Illness (SOI)
    - Indication of the complexity of your patients based on your documentation
  - Risk of Mortality (ROM)
    - Calculated based on the diagnosis and the degree of complexity (SOI)
  - Observed/Expected Mortality (O/E Mortality)
    - Compares observed mortality rates to the risk of mortality (ROM) rates calculated based on SOI documentation
  - Length of Stay (LOS)
    - Expected LOS is calculated based on the SOI documented.
- Each metric is dependent upon provider documentation that reflects accurate severity of illness



# **DQR**

- An automated decision-support tool within physician documentation that analyzes clinical notes and responds in real time
  - Looks at all notes and evidence across an encounter
  - Assists in accurately reflecting the quality of care provided
  - Reflects actual acuity
- Prompts the physician for clarifications only when there is high confidence for additional diagnosis to most accurately reflect severity of illness (SOI)
  - Fewer retroactive coding queries



# **Sepsis Example**

Physician documents Left Lower Lobe pneumonia with no other co-morbidities Documented

Current MS DRG 195 Simple Pneumonia & Pleurisy W/O CC/MCC

Clarification is fired from DQR noting that clinical documentation suggests the patient has sepsis. If accepted by the physician the DRG will be MS DRG 871 Septicemia/severe Sepsis w/o MV 96+ Hrs w MCC

If you are treating a septic patient and your documentation reflects pneumonia there is a huge impact:

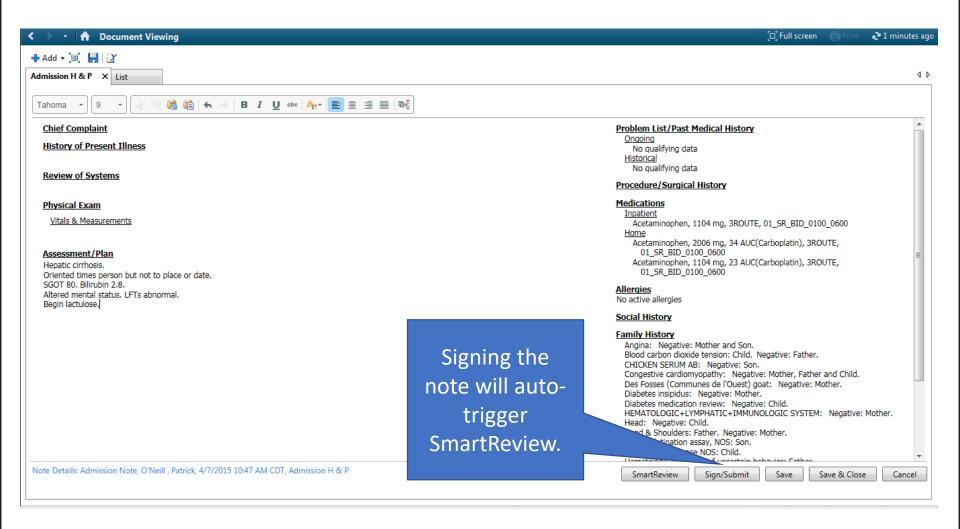
- A septic patient has 30x the mortality rate of the simple pneumonia
- 4x the expected complication rate
- 2x the expected readmission rate

Example	CODE	MS DRG	Mortality Expected	Complication Expected Expected			
Pneumonia	J18.9	195	0.55%	5.91%	3.33	7.89%	
Sepsis + Pneumonia	A41.9 J18.9	871	14.80%	20.12%	6.90	16.12%	

<sup>\*</sup>Expected (Exp) Outcome Values based on specific Population with Proprietary analysis of Severity may vary with different population and assessment methods. For illustrative purposes only; based on real data.

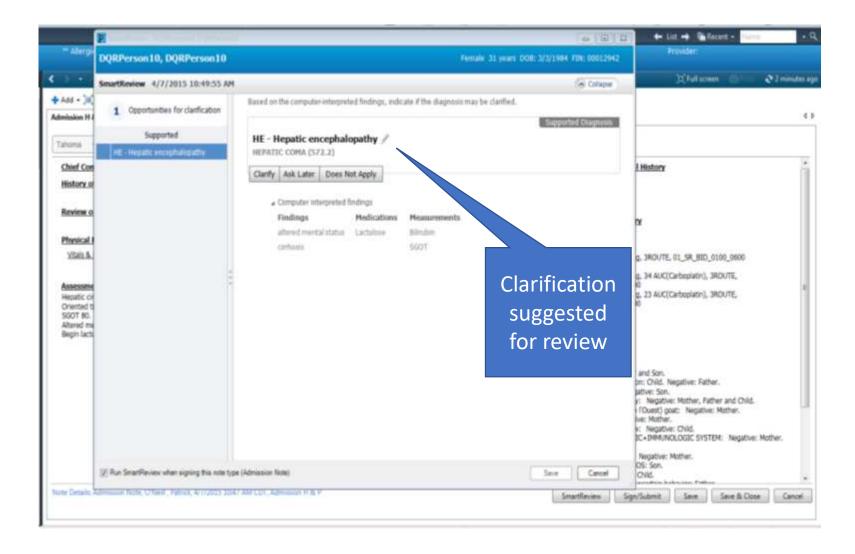


# **How Does DQR Work?**





### **Clarification Found**





# DQR – How does it work?

### It is important that a response is chosen.

- ◆ <u>Clarify:</u> Choose this if you agree with recommendations
- ◆ <u>Ask Later:</u> Choose this if unsure.
- ◆ <u>Does Not Apply:</u> Choose this only if you are sure the diagnosis proposed is incorrect

Based on the computer-interpreted findings, indicate if the diagnosis may be clarified.

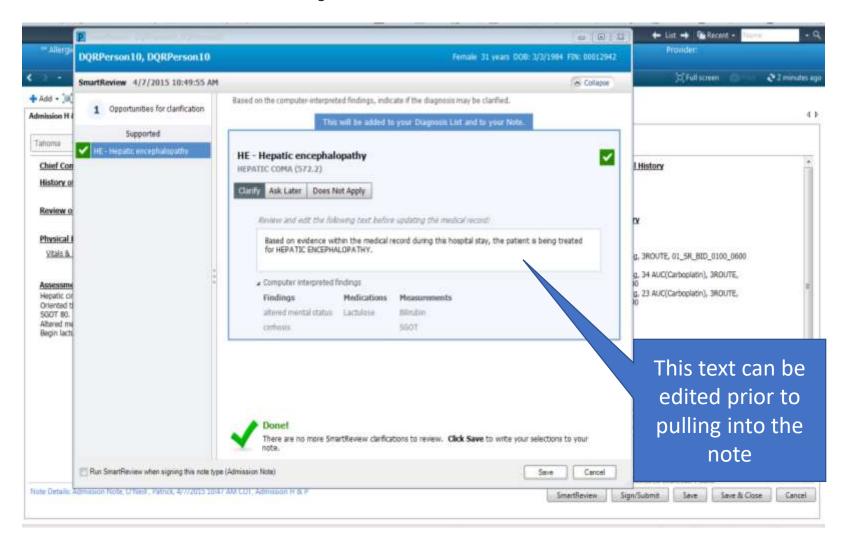


△ Computer interpreted findings

Findings	Medications	Measurements			
accessory muscle use	NPPV	Oxygen Saturation			
dyspnea	oxygen mask	PaCO2			
pneumonia		PaO2			
respiratory insufficiency		Respirations			



# **Clarification Accepted**





# **Tenets of Good Clinical Decision Support**

- Communicates the right information
  - Succinct and evidence / guideline based
- To the right person
  - Provider documenting patient care
- Using the right format
  - Usable alert
- Through the right channel
  - Physician documentation platform
- At the right time in the workflow
  - When completing a note



### **DQR – Medical Diagnostic Families**

# - Currently fires on approximately 70% of patients

- Encephalopathy
- Pneumonia
- Respiratory Failure
- Acute Exacerbation COPD
- Asthma
- Heart Failure
- Shock
- Malnutrition
- Renal Failure
- Anemia
- Sepsis



# Deployment model



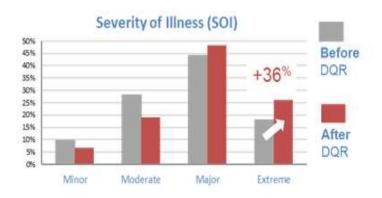


# **Data collection**

Facility	Percent Evaluated	Clarifications Unique	Total Responses	Agree Responses	DNA Responses	Response Rate	Agree Rate
Valley Hospital Medical Center	91.07%	996	740	261	479	74%	35%
Summerlin Hospital Medical Center	85.19%	1117	826	506	320	74%	61%
Henderson Hospital	84.36%	386	334	152	182	87%	46%
Fort Duncan Regional Medical Center (FDR)	83.99%	262	99	52	47	38%	53%
STHS	83.47%	1035	895	525	370	86%	59%
Spring Valley Hospital Medical Center	82.02%	797	658	414	244	83%	63%
Wellington Regional Medical Center	81.07%	457	402	129	273	88%	32%
Temecula Valley Hospital	79.48%	558	504	184	320	90%	37%
Aiken Regional Medical Center	78.88%	651	499	279	220	77%	56%
Northwest Texas Health (NWT)	75.86%	720	383	118	265	53%	31%
Corona Regional Medical Center (CRM)	73.41%	326	330	145	185	101%	44%
Centennial Hills Hospital Medical Center	71.92%	569	588	351	237	103%	60%
Southwest Health System - Inland Valley and Rancho Springs	71.20%	671	588	241	347	88%	41%
Desert Springs Hospital Medical Center	70.72%	673	496	211	285	74%	43%
Northern Nevada Medical Center (NNM)	70.34%	182	211	74	137	116%	35%
Texoma Medical Center (TMC)	68.87%	811	580	359	221	72%	62%
Doctor's Hospital of Laredo (DHL)	64.01%	381	277	177	100	73%	64%
St. Mary's Regional Medical Center (STM)	63.29%	170	137	68	69	81%	50%
George Washington University Hospital	61.02%	719	589	255	334	82%	43%
Palmdale Regional Medical Center	53.90%	359	349	177	172	97%	51%
Manatee Health System - Manatee	50.49%	669	514	152	362	77%	30%
Manatee Health System - Lakewood Ranch	42.76%	136	114	23	91	84%	20%
		12645	10113	4853	5260	80%	48%



### **Outcomes - Pilot**



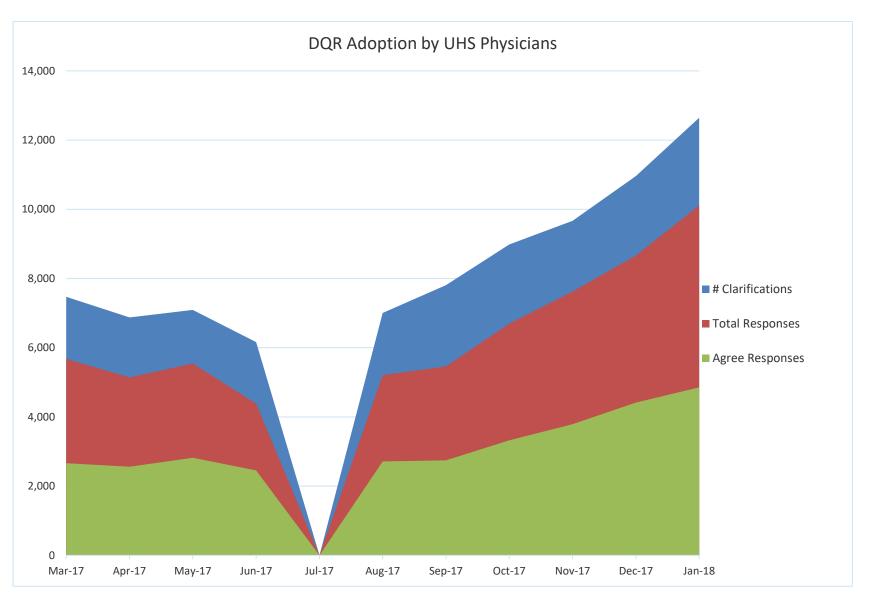


- Overall shift in capture of SOI and ROM from Minor/Moderate to Major/Extreme
- 36% improvement in capture of Extreme SOI
- 24% improvement in capture of Extreme ROM
- 12% CMI uplift across accepted encounters

Source: Metrics captured during a nine-week ROI study from June through August 2016 at two UHS facilities.



# **DQR MD Adoption at UHS**





# Improved documentation of severity level

### 1 - June 2016 Pilot:

Two facilities SoCal (27 MDs, primarily Hospitalists)

### 2 - October 2016:

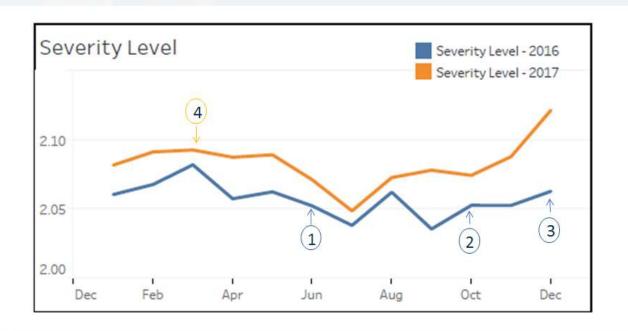
Six hospital system Las Vegas

### 3 - December 2016:

Five hospital system S. TX Four hospitals in FL, SC, TX

### 4 - March 2017:

Five hospitals in CA, NV, OK, TX, DC



# Improved documentation of risk of mortality

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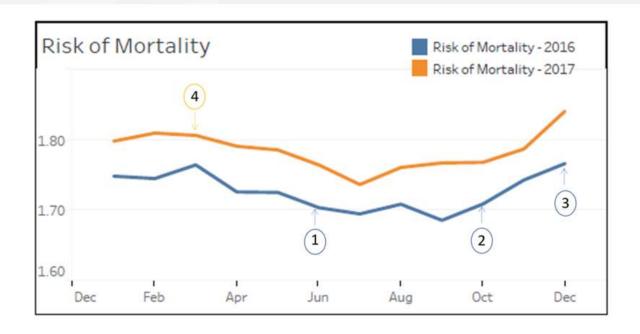
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# Improved observed / expected mortality

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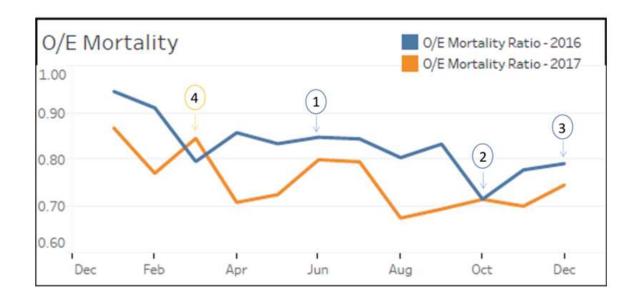
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# Thanks for your time – QUESTIONS?



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