

Acute coronary syndromes: 6c-Patients discharged on lipid-lowering therapy

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Indicator
Indicator type:	Indicator
Short name:	Indicator 6c-Patients discharged on lipid-lowering therapy
METEOR identifier:	612087
Registration status:	Health , Standard 12/09/2016
Description:	Proportion of patients with a final diagnosis of acute coronary syndrome (ACS) who are prescribed lipid-lowering therapy at separation from hospital.
Rationale:	Lowering lipid levels (using statins) is an effective primary and secondary prevention treatment for vascular events, including stroke (Amarenco et al. 2006).
Indicator set:	Clinical care standard indicators: acute coronary syndromes Health , Standard 12/09/2016
Outcome area:	Individualised care plan Health , Standard 12/09/2016

Collection and usage attributes

Computation description:	Both the numerator and the denominator include patients with acute chest pain, or other symptoms suggestive of ACS. The denominator excludes statin-intolerant ACS patients, and other ACS patients for whom statins or other lipid-lowering therapies are contraindicated and for whom the contraindication is documented. Contraindications for statins may include advance care directives, being on a palliative care pathway, and clinical judgement, subject to discussion with patients, family and carers. Presented as a percentage.
Computation:	$(\text{Numerator} \div \text{denominator}) \times 100$
Numerator:	Number of patients with a final diagnosis of ACS who are prescribed a statin or other lipid-lowering therapy at separation from hospital.
Denominator:	Number of patients with a final diagnosis of ACS who are separated from hospital.

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Percentage
Data type:	Real
Unit of measure:	Episode
Format:	N[NN]

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care
Reference documents:	Amarenco P et al. 2006. High-dose atorvastatin after stroke or transient ischemic attack. New England Journal of Medicine 355(6):549–559.