

CORE INDICATOR PROJECT

- DOCUMENTED IMPROVEMENTS, BETTER TREATMENT, INCREASED PATIENT SAFETY,
AND MORE EFFICIENT CARE DELIVERY -

The LSUHSC-HCSD system has been a member of the Maryland Hospital Association's Quality Indicator Project for three years. For 20 years, MHA has been a leader in sharing sensitive data to improve clinical outcomes. Today, over 1000 acute care hospitals and other healthcare facilities share data through MHA.

This project's goal is to meet regulatory agency requirements for the measurement and reporting of clinical data to the JCAHO and the Federal Government through its Hospital Compare project. A side benefit of this project has been documented performance improvements, better treatment for patients, increased patient safety, and a more efficient care delivery system.

During the years we have been a member of the Quality Indicator Project, the HCSD system has been featured in the MHA's nationwide newsletter, "Target Quality", twice for innovative processes related to our use of their data collection product. The first was related to our inventive implementation of their product in such a large system of hospitals, and most recently we were featured for our disbursement of the data through our Health Care Effectiveness site on the World Wide Web.

The indicators collected from our facilities comes from inpatient data collected from the patient's hospital bill, or collected by abstraction from the patient's chart. At this time, data is collected for indicators on Acute Myocardial Infarction, Community Acquired Pneumonia, Heart Failure, and Pregnancy and Related Conditions. Soon we will start collecting data on indicators targeting Surgical Infection Prevention.