

**High Performance Medicine (HPM) 2 Clinical Transitions
Element Definition and Rationale (2/07)**

The goal of the Clinical Transitions project is to enhance the quality of documentation for patients discharged from acute medical centers. Following are the seven elements (and sub-elements) that have been identified as essential clinical information that that should be included in each discharge packet.

Following is a definition of each element and corresponds to the questions in the ‘comprehensive discharge chart review’ instrument found at the Clinical Transitions website: website www.partnerstransitions.org.

Physician Contact - Contact at Acute Facility: Could you locate the following in the discharge packet?

Survey Question	Question Description
Q21	Name of the discharging physician

For a chart to qualify as having adequate physician information, this question needs to be answered ‘yes’

Rationale: direct contact may be necessary with the discharging physician or members of the care team if more information is needed.

Procedures – Were the following included in the discharge packet?

Survey Question	Question Description
Q9	Names of major procedures performed (if relevant)

A procedure is any significant intervention or any intervention requiring informed consent. For a chart to qualify as having procedures information, this question needs to be answered ‘yes’ or ‘not applicable’. **Rationale: JCAHO required element.**

Hospital course - Were the following included in the discharge packet?

Survey Question	Question Description
Q5	Treatment rendered
Q6	Response to treatment

For a chart to qualify as having hospital course information, both questions need to be answered ‘yes’. **Rationale: JCAHO required element.**

Pre-Admission Medication List: Were the following included in the discharge packet?

Survey Question	Question Description
Q11	Pre-admission medications

For a chart to qualify as having pre-admission medication list information, this question needs to be answered 'yes'. **Rationale: required for medication reconciliation and for patient safety.**

Discharge medication list –Were the following included in the discharge packet?

Survey Question	Question Description
Q10	Discharge medications from acute care facility

For a chart to qualify as having discharge medication list information, this questions need to be answered 'yes'. **Rationale: required for medication reconciliation and for patient safety. JCAHO required element.**

Allergies – Were the following included in the discharge packet?

Survey Question	Question Description
Q13	Drug allergies, intolerances or adverse drug reactions.

For a chart to qualify as having allergies information, this questions need to be answered 'yes'. **Rationale: JCAHO required element.**

Follow-up Plan- Did the discharge packet include an adequate follow-up plan?

Survey Question	Question Description
Q18	Did the discharge packet include an adequate follow-up plan (including the name of physician who will follow-up, an approximate time-frame for follow-up, and a statement of any unique/special issues that require follow-up)?

Answer: Present, Absent. For a chart to qualify as having adequate follow-up information, Q18 need to be answered ‘yes’. **Rationale: JCAHO required element.**

Anticoagulant – Coumadin: Were the following included in the discharge packet?

Survey Question	Question Description
Q TBD	Specific indication for Coumadin (Warfarin) therapy
Q TBD	Target INR
Q TBD	Anticipated duration of Coumadin (Warfarin) therapy
Q TBD	Sufficient information to safely prescribe the next 72 hours of Coumadin after transfer (such as recent INRs, recent doses, next suggested dose)

The survey will begin to count duration of Coumadin therapy in FY08.

For a chart to qualify as having adequate Coumadin information, the survey respondent must answer 'yes' to all the questions. **Rationale: patient safety, optimal management of a high-risk medication.**

Anticoagulant – LMW Heparin: Were the following included in the discharge packet?

Survey Question	Question Description
Q TBD	Specific indication for LMW Heparin
Q TBD	Monitoring parameters, if any
Q TBD	Anticipated duration of LMW Heparin therapy
Q TBD	Sufficient information to safely prescribe the next 72 hours of LMW Heparin after transfer

The survey will begin to count LMW Heparin and duration in FY08.

For a chart to qualify as having adequate LMW Heparin information, the survey respondent must answer 'yes' to all the questions. **Rationale: patient safety, optimal management of a high-risk medication.**