Supplementary Online Content


eAppendix. NSQIP Data Definitions

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NSQIP Data Definitions:

**Deep Vein Thrombosis (DVT) Requiring Therapy:** The identification of a new blood clot or thrombus within the venous system, which may be coupled with inflammation. This diagnosis is confirmed by a duplex, venogram or CT scan. The patient **must be treated** with anticoagulation therapy and/or placement of a vena cava filter or clipping of the vena cava.

**Pulmonary Embolism (PE):** Lodging of a blood clot in a pulmonary artery with subsequent obstruction of blood supply to the lung parenchyma. The blood clots usually originate from the deep leg veins or the pelvic venous system. Enter "YES" if the patient has a V-Q scan interpreted as high probability of pulmonary embolism or a positive CT spiral exam, pulmonary arteriogram or CT angiogram. Treatment usually consists of:
1. Initiation of anticoagulation therapy
2. Placement of mechanical interruption (for example Greenfield Filter), for patients in whom anticoagulation is contraindicated or already instituted.

**Stroke/Cerebral Vascular Accident (CVA):** Patient develops an embolic, thrombotic, or hemorrhagic vascular accident or stroke with motor, sensory, or cognitive dysfunction (for example, hemiplegia, hemiparesis, aphasia, sensory deficit, impaired memory) that persists for 24 or more hours.

**Myocardial Infarction (MI):** An acute myocardial infarction occurring within 30 days following surgery as manifested by one of the following:
1. Documentation of ECG changes indicative of acute MI (one or more of the following):
   - ST elevation > 1 mm in two or more contiguous leads
   - New left bundle branch
   - New q-wave in two of more contiguous leads
2. New elevation in troponin greater than 3 times upper level of the reference range in the setting of suspected myocardial ischemia
3. Physician diagnosis of myocardial infarction

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