

Quick Start Guide: Parkinson's Foundation Hospital Care Benchmarking Toolkit**1 Welcome**

The Parkinson's Foundation (PF) Hospital Care Benchmarking Toolkit ("Toolkit") is a Parkinson's Foundation-sponsored initiative established to support benchmarking, quality improvement, research, and shared learning aimed at improving hospital care for people with Parkinson's disease.

The Toolkit provides a standardized framework for measuring and evaluating Parkinson's disease hospital care using common metric definitions and measurement approaches. Organizations may use the toolkit to support quality improvement initiatives, monitor outcomes, and compare results across time and with participating institutions using similar measures.

2 Who Should Use This Toolkit?

This toolkit is intended for:

- Hospitals and health systems
- Clinical leaders
- Quality and patient safety teams
- Analysts and reporting teams
- Organizations seeking to improve inpatient Parkinson's disease care

The toolkit may be used regardless of electronic health record (EHR) platform. While this initial release includes Epic-specific implementation resources, the metric definitions and measurement framework are designed to support organizations using any EHR system.

3 Start Here**3.1 Download the Hospital Care Benchmarking Toolkit**

The General Toolkit is available from the Parkinson's Foundation (PF).

For Epic customers, the full Epic toolkit is available from the Epic UserWeb or from the Epic Adult Neurology Specialty Steering Board. This toolkit contains all of the General Toolkit content.

3.2 Review the Hospital Care Benchmarking Toolkit Overview document

(file: PF_Hospital_Care_Benchmarking_Toolkit_Overview.pdf)

- Executive Summary and Acknowledgements

3.3 Select a Metric

Organizations may begin with any metric that aligns with local priorities, quality improvement initiatives, or operational goals. For reference specification details about each metric, see the full **Hospital Care Benchmarking Toolkit document** (file: PF_Hospital_Care_Benchmarking_Toolkit.pdf)

Current metrics include:

Metric	Description
Metric 1	Length of Stay and 30 day Readmission Rate
Metric 2	Medication Custom Ordering
Metric 3	Medication Timing
Metric 4	Contraindicated Medications

3.4 Choose an Implementation Pathway

3.4.1 *Organizations Using Non-Epic Systems*

Use the metric definitions and local reporting capabilities to calculate and monitor selected metrics.

3.4.2 *Organizations Using Epic*

Organizations using Epic may leverage additional implementation resources included with the toolkit.

- Review the **Epic Quick Start Guide** (Epic_QuickStart.pdf)
- Implement **Metric 0: Core Cohorts** (Metric0-Core-Cohorts folder)

Metric 0: Core Cohorts must be implemented before any other Epic metric package.

Epic metric implementation packages are organized into folders, each containing a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) and Session Tracker Worksheet:

- **Metric 0: Core Cohorts** (Metric0-Core-Cohorts)
- **Metric 1: Length of Stay & Readmissions** (Metric1-LOS-Readmissions)
- **Metric 2: Medication Ordering** (Metric2-Medication-Ordering)
- **Metric 3: Medication Timing** (Metric3-Medication-Timing)
- **Metric 4: Contraindicated Medications** (Metric4-Contraindicated-Medications)

4 Contacts

Questions, feedback, implementation inquiries, and collaboration requests may be directed to hospitalcare@parkinson.org.