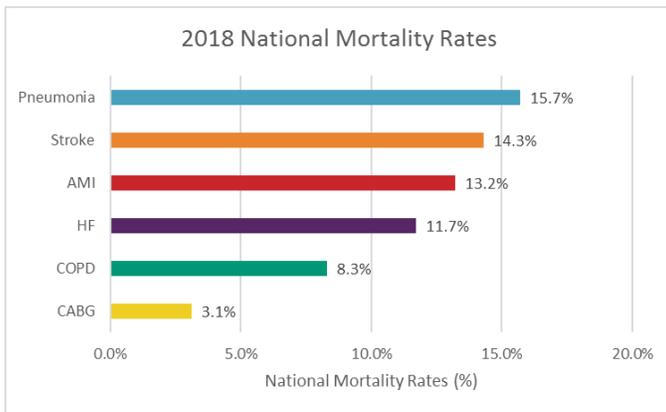


# 2018 Mortality Measures Facts

CMS's 30-Day Risk-Standardized Mortality Measures

## What are the results?



## Where can I find my hospital's results?

- Publicly reported measure results can be found on [Hospital Compare](#). Publicly reported data for national, state, and hospital-level results can be found on [Data.Medicare.gov](#).
- Inpatient Hospital Compare preview reports contain high-level information about your results on all measures in the IQR program.
- Hospital-Specific Reports (HSRs) contain detailed discharge-level data on your Mortality results.

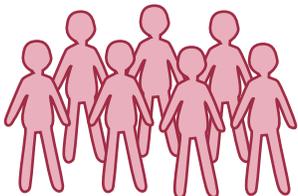
*Please note that HSRs are shared with hospitals through the QualityNet Secure Portal. To access your results, please contact your hospital's designated administrator.*

## How are the measures calculated?

### Who is included?

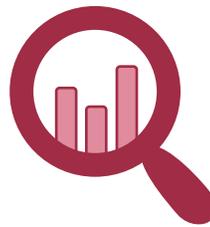
Patients:

- ✓ Enrolled in Medicare fee-for-service for 12 months prior to index admission
- ✓ 65 or older
- ✓ Discharged with a qualifying condition/procedure
- ✓ Not discharged against medical advice (AMA)



### What data are used?

The 2018 mortality measures include index admissions that occurred between July 1, 2014 and June 30, 2017



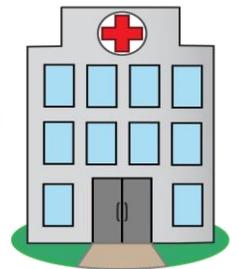
### Is there risk adjustment?

The measures are adjusted for differences in risk variables such as age, sex, and comorbidities

### What is the outcome?

The Mortality measures count death as a mortality outcome if it:

- ✓ Occurs within 30 days from the start of (or 30 days from the procedure date of) a qualifying index admission
- ✓ Is for any cause, not just those that appear related to the initial admission



For additional methodology information, please see the [Annual Updates and Specifications Reports](#) on *QualityNet*.

## Did you know?



The AMI, COPD, HF, pneumonia and stroke mortality measures **exclude Medicare hospice patients.**

The AMI, HF and pneumonia mortality measures include **Veterans' Health Administration (VHA) data.**

The mortality measures should not be compared with the readmission measures because they have **different cohorts.**

## More information?

For background information about the measures see the [Background Fact Sheet](#)  
For additional questions, please see the [FAQs](#) or email us at [cmsmortalitymeasures@yale.edu](mailto:cmsmortalitymeasures@yale.edu)

