

Measure Representation

Q. You used the definition called “Inpatient Encounters” throughout the measure, but I thought it only had the length of stay and end string measurement period?

A. That’s correct, it’s better to use “AMI Encounter” because it has all the necessary criteria.

Q. We tried to use “Inpatient Encounters” and intersect it with something else, but it would not work. Why is that?

A. The Intersect operator takes two lists and returns only those elements that are in both lists, so the lists should have the same kinds of values, such as lists of encounters. You cannot intersect encounters and orders.