

General Clinical Quality Language

**Q. Where is the encounter defined in the Hospitalization function?**

**A.** The encounter is passed as an argument to the function, so the logic operates on whatever encounter is passed in.

Measure Representation

**Q. What is the difference in the query order between:**

a) Define “Encounter With ED Visit Less Than Two Days”:

“Encounter with Ischemic Stroke” E

with “ED visit” ED

And

b) Define “ED Visit Less Than Two Days”:

“ED Visit” ED

with “Encounter With Ischemic Stroke” E

**A.** Query (a) is returning the inpatient encounters, not the ED visits. What should be counted in this measure is inpatient encounters. We are interested in a case where there was a prior ED visit to consider as part of the encounter. Query (b) is returning the ED visits immediately following an inpatient encounter.

**Q. In the example below, does using exist have any impact when also using the union to define the numerator?**

Define “Numerator”:

“Encounter With Antithrombotic Therapy”

union “Encounter With ED Visit With Antithrombotic Therapy”

**A.** Yes, and it depends on whether we are defining a patient-based or encounter-based measure. For an encounter based measure, what we are returning from all the criteria are lists of encounters. In a patient-based measure, what we are returning from all the criteria is true or false. So, in a patient-based measure you use exist to get a list to be true or false. In an episode-based measure, we are returning lists, so we don’t use exist.