

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

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JUNE SCQR MEETING RECAP

We had a great 5th annual SCQR Training Day on June 17th, with presentations from a former SCQR, Tina Percha, Ryan Howard discussing the latest about the hernia project, and interactive sessions on root cause analysis, yoga and mindfulness, and sharing best practices to improve your workflow.

See [this page](#) for the speaker slides.

DEFINITIONS FAQs

CPT Codes

We have had 200+ questions about CPT codes this year so far, and they are the most frequently missed variable on IRRs! Please remember to use a coding tool (other than Google) to verify codes assigned by the surgeon's office, on your op log, or from hospital coders. Or send your op report and path report to MSQC-Info@med.umich.edu for assistance.

MSQC recommends the 2022 Coders' Desk Reference for Procedures (This book contains procedure descriptions in layman's terms). Author: Optum360° ISBN: 9781622547197, List Price \$139.95. Buy [here](#) from Optum, or check Amazon for used versions (within the last few years), or check with your medical records/coding department for an electronic version.

Mini Case Study:

During an open appendectomy, the surgeon resected the base of the cecum with the appendix together (en bloc) due to concern of appendiceal malignancy. There was no anastomosis nor ostomy performed. How would you code this case? (see the answer at the bottom of the next page)

- A. Appendectomy as POP (CPT 44950), bowel resection as Other
- B. Bowel resection as POP (CPT 44140/44141), appendectomy as Other
- C. Unlisted procedure as POP (CPT 45399), no Other procedure
- D. Unlisted procedure as POP (CPT 45399), appendectomy as Other

'SCQR' NAME CHANGE?

At the SCQR Training Day, there was interest in changing the 'SCQR' title to something else that would capture your role as a nurse. We are interested in knowing what you think! Please complete [this survey](#) to share your thoughts.

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 11 Conference Calls
[Surgeon Champion @ 0630](#)
[SCQR @ 1400](#)

September 16
[MSQC Collaborative](#)
[Meeting](#) in Bay City

SITE VISITS

If you or your team are interested in a site visit from MSQC, please contact us! We can offer expert speakers to come talk to your group, in person or virtually, on topics such as glucose management, multimodal pain management, surgeon engagement, SSI reduction, hysterectomy best practices, or even a 1:1 visit to discuss SCQR Workflow, ...the list is endless!



SCQR Spotlight

Special thanks to Barb Moe at MyMichigan Midland and the MyMichigan SCQRs for setting up tickets to the Great Lakes Loons baseball game! Fun was had by all who attended the game! In addition, thank you for recommending such a fun fitness and wellness coach to lead the yoga and mindfulness session at the SCQR Training Day!

Contact List updates?

Was there a contact change at your hospital - your direct supervisor, surgeon champion, quality administrator? Did your hospital name change? Please be sure to let us know [here](#) so we can update our contact list! We will also be reaching out to you soon with who we have currently listed.

MSQC QUICK LINKS

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[Unlock case request](#)

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[Update contact information](#)

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[Data Definitions questions form](#)

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[MSQC Workstation](#)

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[MSQC Changelog](#)

Quality Improvement Corner

QI Training

Are you interested in honing your QI knowledge and skills? We recommend taking this QI basics course, offered by the ACS (American College of Surgeons). The cost is \$249 and more information and registration is available [here](#).

2023

We are currently working on developing the 2023 QI Projects and we will be submitting to BCBSM in mid-September. We will announce the proposed projects at the 9/16 meeting.

Reports Update

Please see the emails that were sent to SCQR Forum from Pam on 7/27 and 7/28.

Answer to Mini Case Study: C. Unlisted procedure as POP (CPT 45399), no Other procedure. Since the cecum was resected en bloc with appendix, the partial cecectomy is the POP and appendectomy is not captured as Other procedure. See Appendix C, CPT 45399 for partial cecectomy, open approach.