

## **Q & A from July 15, 2008 conference call**

Q: If a test is not available through our lab what should be coded on the LOINC map?

A: N/A

Q: Should all codes for all inpatient records be sent?

A: Yes. The project staff will sort through the records needed for linkage to current QI measures versus those that are not.

Q: Is this limited to inpatient only?

A: Yes, however if you have outpatient lab results within a 30-day pre-admission, please send those. If you can't get those, don't worry about it. Pre-admission tests to surgery are good, but generally get repeated prior to surgery. The 30-day pre-admission tests are helpful from a data validity perspective to help inform what may be missing in the data.