

OASIS ITEM
<p>(M2300) Emergent Care: Since the last time OASIS data were collected, has the patient utilized a hospital emergency department (includes holding/observation)?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 0 - No [<i>Go to M2400</i>]</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 1 - Yes, used hospital emergency department WITHOUT hospital admission</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 2 - Yes, used hospital emergency department WITH hospital admission</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> UK - Unknown [<i>Go to M2400</i>]</p>
ITEM INTENT
<p>Identifies whether the patient was seen in a hospital emergency department at or since the previous OASIS assessment. Responses to this item include the entire period at or since the last time OASIS data were collected, including use of hospital emergency department that results in a qualifying hospital admission, necessitating Transfer OASIS data collection.</p>
TIME POINTS ITEM(S) COMPLETED
<p>Transfer to an inpatient facility - with or without agency discharge</p> <p>Discharge from agency</p>
RESPONSE—SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This item excludes urgent care services not provided in a hospital emergency department, including doctor's office visits scheduled less than 24 hours in advance, care provided by an ambulance crew without transport, or care received in urgent care facilities. This item only includes holding and observation in the emergency department setting. • An urgent care facility is defined as a freestanding walk-in clinic (not a department of a hospital) for patients in need of immediate medical care. Urgent care centers treat many problems that can be seen in a primary care physician's office, but urgent care centers offer some services that are generally not available in primary care physician offices. For example, X-ray facilities allow for treatment of minor fractures and foreign bodies, such as nail gun injuries. Most urgent care centers offer extended hours in evenings and on weekends for patients to receive treatment when their personal physician is not available. • If a patient went to a hospital emergency department, regardless of whether the patient/caregiver independently made the decision to seek emergency department services or was advised to go the emergency department by the physician, home health agency, or other health care provider, then Response 1 or 2 should be selected depending on whether or not a hospital admission occurred. • If a patient went to a hospital emergency department, was "held" at the hospital for observation, then released, the patient did receive emergent care. The time period that a patient can be "held" without admission can vary. "Holds" can be longer than 23 hours but emergent care should be reported regardless of the length of the observation "hold." An OASIS transfer assessment is not required if the patient was never actually admitted to an inpatient facility. • If a patient went to a hospital emergency department and was subsequently admitted to the hospital, select Response 2. An OASIS transfer assessment is required (assuming the patient stay was for 24 hours or more for reasons other than diagnostic testing). • If a patient is admitted to the hospital for a stay requiring an OASIS Transfer, Response 0 – No, should only be marked if the patient was directly admitted to the hospital (was not treated or evaluated in the emergency room), and had no other emergency department visits at or since the last OASIS assessment.

Guidance for this item updated 12/2012

RESPONSE—SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS (cont'd for OASIS Item M2300)

- Select Response 1 for a patient who, at or since the last time OASIS was collected, has experienced both a direct admission to the hospital without treatment or evaluation AND accessed a hospital emergency department that did not result in an inpatient admission.
- If a patient utilized a hospital emergency department more than once at or since the last OASIS assessment, select Response 2 if any emergency department visit at or since the last OASIS assessment resulted in hospital admission, otherwise select Response 1.
- In Responses 1 and 2, "hospital admission" is defined as admission to a hospital where the stay is for 24 hours or longer, for reasons other than diagnostic testing.
- A patient who dies in a hospital emergency department is considered to have been under the care of the emergency department, not the home health agency. In this situation, a transfer assessment, not an assessment for "Death at Home," should be completed. For M2300, the best response would be "1 - Yes, used hospital emergency department WITHOUT hospital admission."

DATA SOURCES / RESOURCES

- Patient/caregiver interview
- Clinical record
- Hospital emergency department discharge information
- Physician
- Hospital emergency department staff