

## The Joint Commission Perinatal Care Measure PC-02: Cesarean Section

To be included in this measure, a woman must be nulliparous, greater than eight years of age and less than 65 years of age, have a length of stay less than 120 days, and not be enrolled in a clinical trial. She must have completed at least 37 weeks of gestation, this must be a singleton pregnancy, the fetus must be in the vertex position and the infant must be liveborn (Table 11.08: ICD-9-CM V27.0). She must also not have a diagnosis which contraindicates vaginal delivery (Table 11.09: Contraindications to Vaginal Delivery). These include: multiple gestation, breech (all types), IUFD, stillbirth, and ICD-9-CM codes 654.20, 654.21, and 654.23.

The measure's numerator is the number of nulliparous women with a singleton, vertex fetus at  $\geq 37$  weeks of gestation who deliver a liveborn infant by c-section. The numerator includes women delivering by planned c-section due to obstetric indications (placenta previa, HIV infection, prolapsed cord) and primary elective c-sections. The denominator is the number of nulliparous women with a singleton, vertex fetus at  $\geq 37$  weeks of gestation who deliver a liveborn infant.

Measure can be found at:

<http://manual.jointcommission.org/releases/archive/TJC2010A1/MIF0167.html>

Tables at:

<http://manual.jointcommission.org/releases/TJC2010A/AppendixATJC.html>

Release notes (Release Notes for Manual v2010A2) at:

<http://manual.jointcommission.org/releases/TJC2010A/>