

Overview

MTQIP's mission is to measure and improve the quality of care administered to trauma patients in Michigan. To pursue this mission the data must reflect the actual care delivered to patients. Additionally, it is recognized that data abstraction is a limited and valuable resource.

MTQIP is committed to the capture of a parsimonious data set with definitions that are consistent across multiple entities and will attempt to minimize inconsistencies. However, when the data or definitions of an outside entity negatively impact the collaborative's ability to capture actionable data MTQIP's data dictionary may deviate.

Objective

To provide a standardized and transparent methodology for handling data elements and definitions where an outside entity's definition compromises data integrity consistent with the mission of MTQIP.

Framework

MTQIP will use the following criteria to guide decisions regarding data succession where variables that may deviate from an outside entity.

1. Data is being used in MTQIP reporting or analytics to drive quality improvement
2. Data reflects actual care being delivered to the patient
3. Data definition is objective and promotes data integrity

Variables or definitions that possess an affirmative answer to any of the above may deviate from an outside entity's and will be identified in blue font in the data dictionary.