



Blueprint for OASIS Accuracy

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Search Strategy

Step 1 - Look in Chapter 8 under item-specific page, but don't stop there.

Step 2 - Look in Q&A's (CMS Category 4, OWBT, OCCB) under item-specific MO #

Step 3 - Is there a specific Q&A category on the topic?

- Aug 2004 Cat. 1 = OASIS Applicability
- Aug 2004 Cat. 2 = Comprehensive Assessment

Step 4 - Is there a specific document on the topic?

- Wound staging (WOCN Guidance Document)
- Data collection/Payer issue (OASIS Considerations for Medicare PPS)

1. The patient has a gastrostomy tube that is no longer being used as the patient is able to take nutrition orally. The family is flushing it twice a day to keep it patent. Do you mark Response 3 for M0250 Therapies?

CMS Reference: Chapter 8, pg 8.44 & OWBT Special Alerts

2. What do you do when a patient won't let you make the initial assessment visit within 48 hours of the discharge from the inpatient facility?

CMS Reference: CMS 8/2004 Q&As Category 2 Question 18

3. What date do you list on OASIS M0090 – Date Assessment Completed when assessment information is gathered on day 1, 3, and 5?

CMS Reference: CMS 8/2004 Q&As Category 4b Question 14

4. Do I always mark Response 3 Paid help for OASIS item M0350 Assisting Person(s) Other than Home Care Agency Staff when my patient is living in an Assisted Living Facility?

CMS Reference: Ch. 8, pg. 8.51 superseded by CMS OASIS Q&As, Category 4b, Q51, superseded OWBT FAQs M0350

5. A patient takes narcotics to control their pain and is pain free. He develops medication side effects including constipation, nausea and drowsiness which affects his interest and ability to eat, walk, and socialize. Should the medication side effects be considered when determining if the pain is interfering with activity or movement?

CMS Reference: CMS OCCB Q&As 10/2004