**NQF ENDORSED MEASURE #0470 INCIDENCE OF EPISIOTOMY**

In 2008, NPIC partnered with Matthew Hoffman, MD, Chair of Obstetrics and Gynecology, and Linda Daniel, RN, MSN, Director of Performance Improvement and Care Management for the Women’s & Children’s Service Line at Christiana Care Health Services (Newark, DE) to submit the Incidence of Episiotomy to the National Quality Forum for measure endorsement.

**Measure Type:** Process  
**Level of Analysis:** Facility  
**Setting of Care:** Hospital/Acute Care Facility  
**Data Source:** Administrative claims, paper medical records  
**Measure Description:** Percentage of vaginal deliveries (excluding those coded with shoulder dystocia) during which an episiotomy is performed.

### MEASURE DEFINITION

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<th><strong>Numerator</strong></th>
<th>Number of episiotomy procedures performed (ICD-9 codes 72.1, 72.21, 72.31, 72.71, 73.6; ICD-10 code 0W8NXZZ)</th>
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<td><strong>Denominator</strong></td>
<td>Total number of vaginal deliveries (MS-DRGs 768, 796, 797, 798, 805, 806, 807 – effective for discharges beginning 10/1/2018)</td>
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<td><strong>Exclusion</strong></td>
<td>Deliveries coded with shoulder dystocia (ICD-9 code 660.41; ICD-10 code O66.0)</td>
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**Renewed:** June 30, 2021; April 2, 2012  
**Initial Endorsement:** October 24, 2008  
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**References/Scientific Acceptability**