



## PEPPER Sessions Chapter 5 Top Short-Term

We include in PEPPER as supplemental reports listings the top DRGs for one-day stays. There are four reports in total, two for the hospital, and two for the jurisdiction. These list the top medical and the top surgical DRGs for Same-and 1DS. These reports can be helpful if you are focusing on same and one-day stays.

So let's look at a sample *Short-Term PEPPER*. And we are looking at the tab that's labeled Top One-Day Stay Medical DRG.

And this report will identify for your hospital the top medical DRGs for same- and one-day stays. So that means that beneficiaries who are admitted and discharged on the same day or beneficiaries who are admitted on one day and discharged on the next, those discharges would be included in this top report. It summarizes for the most recent four quarters of discharges.

So we identify here the DRG number, the DRG description, the same- and one-day stay count, total discharges for that DRG, the proportion of same- and one-day stays to total discharges, and the hospital's average length of stay for the DRG. Now even though we do have space on this report for up to 20 DRGs, we are limited to displaying DRGs as long as they have at least 11 same- or one-day stays in the most recent four quarters. So this particular hospital two DRG that's displayed and it has 18 and 11 one-day stays over the most recent four quarters.

I do want to point out a couple of notes here. We do exclude death, transfers, and leaves against medical advice from the numerator. We exclude claims with discharge occurrence span code 72 identifying outpatient time associated with an inpatient admission.

The next tab is the Top One-Day Stays for Surgical DRGs. And this report is formatted in the same way. It just displays the top surgical DRGs.

And we include these two reports as a way to help hospitals identify what they're top DRGs are for the short stays — the one-day stays — which have always been a focus of CMS and CMS contractors with regards to potential for unnecessary admissions. And so that's why we include these DRGs here as a way to help you look more closely at those short stays.

The jurisdiction level information would be found on the Jurisdiction Top One-Day Stay Medical DRGs tab, and it identifies the top medical DRGs for one-day stays at the jurisdiction level. It is formatted in the same way as the hospital-specific report. Here we include the jurisdiction level average length of stay. And then we also have the jurisdiction level information on the Top One-Day Stays for Surgical DRGs tab. So you might find these reports helpful as you're comparing your statistics within your PEPPER.