

## Using the “SIR – Complex 30-Day SSI Data for CMS IPPS” Output Option

The NHSN Analysis Output Option, “SIR – Complex 30-Day SSI Data for CMS IPPS” was created in order to allow facilities to review those SSI data that would be submitted to CMS on their behalf. It’s important to keep in mind the following as you begin to use this report:

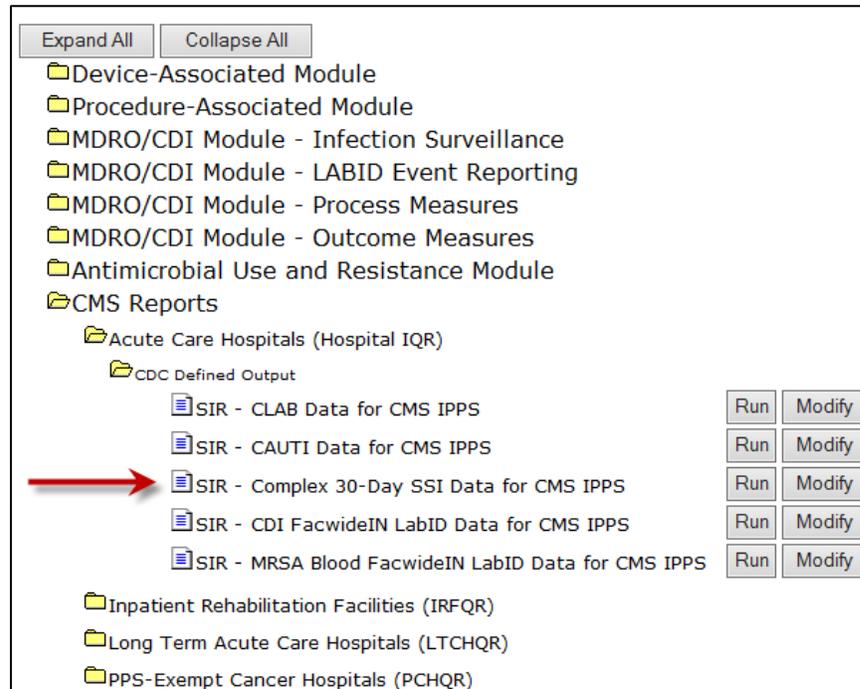
- a. These data will only be submitted for those facilities that are participating in the CMS IPPS Hospital IQR Program, as indicated by their CCN recorded in NHSN.
- b. While facilities performing SSI surveillance for COLO and HYST must report to NHSN all types of SSIs identified from all COLO and HYST procedures performed, this report will only include the following SSI and procedure data beginning with procedures performed on or after January 1, 2012, per the CMS requirements:
  - i. In-plan, inpatient COLO and HYST procedures in adult patients (i.e.,  $\geq 18$  years of age at the time of the procedure)
  - ii. Deep incisional primary and organ/space SSIs with an event date (i.e., identified) within 30 days of the operative procedure
- c. **IMPORTANT!** Beginning with 2012 data, facilities must appropriately **Report No Events** for those procedures and months for which no SSIs were identified.
- d. This output option represents SIRs for each hospital, not each CCN. If your hospital shares a CCN, the SIRs will only represent the data that your hospital has contributed to the overall SIR for all hospitals that share the CCN. You may wish to use the Group feature in NHSN to obtain a single SIR for all the hospitals that share a CCN. More information about the Group feature can be found here: <http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/library.html#group> .
- e. The data in this report will represent data current as of the last time you generated datasets. Note that data in the Provider Participation Report are not updated simultaneously with your data in NHSN. Data changes made in NHSN will be reflected in the next monthly submission to CMS. **EXCEPTION:** Quarterly data are frozen as of the final submission date for that quarter (e.g., Q1 data are frozen as of 3am ET on August 16th); any changes made to these data in NHSN after the final submission deadline will not be reflected in later months on the Provider Participation Report or on Hospital Compare. If you have specific questions about the data appearing on your APU dashboard, please contact your Quality Improvement Organization (QIO).
- f. To learn more about the standardized infection ratio (SIR), including how it is calculated for SSI data, please see the SIR Newsletter at: [http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/PDFs/Newsletters/NHSN\\_NL\\_OCT\\_2010SE\\_final.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/PDFs/Newsletters/NHSN_NL_OCT_2010SE_final.pdf) .
- g. The information in this document should be used in conjunction with the document, “**Helpful Tips for SSI Reporting for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services’ Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting Program (CMS Reporting Program)**”, available at: <http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/PDFs/CMS/Helpful-Tips-for-SSI-Reporting.pdf>



### Example of the “SIR – Complex 30-Day SSI Data for CMS IPPS”: Interpretation and Data Checking

Before running this output option, remember to generate your datasets for the most up-to-date data reported to NHSN by your facility! To generate datasets, go to Analysis > Generate Data Sets, then click “Generate New”.

1. After selecting Analysis > Output Options, navigate through the following folders: CMS Reports > Acute Care Hospitals (Hospital IQR) > CDC-Defined Output. Click “Run” next to “SIR – Complex 30-Day SSI Data for CMS IPPS”, as shown below:



2. By default, the results will appear in an HTML window. If a second window does not pop-up, please be sure to check your pop-up blocker and allow pop-ups from \*.cdc.gov.

Within the output, there will be up to 2 tables, each described below:

- i. SIR for Complex 30-Day SSI Data for CMS IPPS – By OrgID/ProcCode

The first table represents 2 SIRs for your facility (one for COLO and one for HYST), per calendar-year quarter, as shown below. This is the information that will be submitted to CMS for each IPPS-participating facility, as indicated by the facility’s CCN.

**National Healthcare Safety Network**  
**SIR for Complex 30-Day SSI Data for CMS IPPS by Procedure - By OrgID/ProcCode**

As of: April 3, 2012 at 2:33 PM

Date Range: All SIR\_COMPLEX30SSIPROC

orgid=10541

orgid	procode	summaryYQ	procCount	infCountComplex30d	numExpComplex30d	SIRComplex30d	SIRComplex30d_pval	SIRComplex30d95CI
10541	COLO	2012Q1	504	4	13.532	0.296	0.003	0.081, 0.757
10541	HYST	2012Q1	386	3	2.45	1.224	0.443	0.253, 3.578

Includes in-plan, inpatient COLO and HYST procedures in patients  $\geq 18$  years of age.

Includes SSIs with an event date within 30 days of the procedure date.

Excludes all Superficial Incisional SSIs and Deep Incisional Secondary (DIS) SSIs.

Lower bound of 95% Confidence Interval only calculated if infCount  $> 0$ . SIR values only calculated if numExp  $\geq 1$ .

Source of aggregate data: 2006-2008 NHSN SSI Data

Data contained in this report were last generated on April 3, 2012 at 2:30 PM.

Using the above table, one can conclude the following:

- a. This facility identified 4 SSIs (infCountComplex30d) among 504 COLO procedures (procCount) during the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2012 (2012Q1).
  - b. The number of SSIs expected (numExpComplex30d), based on national data, is 13.532.
  - c. The SIR for COLO procedures during this time period is 0.296, indicating that this facility observed approximately 70% fewer SSIs than expected.
  - d. Based on the p-value (SIRComplex30d\_pval) and the 95% confidence interval (SIRComplex30d95CI), the SIR for COLO procedures in this facility is statistically different from 1, indicating that there were significantly fewer SSIs identified than were expected.
- ii. Incomplete Procedures Not Included in SIR

The second table provides a count of the number of procedures and SSIs that were excluded from the SIRs above. Note that this will list only those procedures that were excluded from the SIR due to either incomplete data or those meeting the exclusion criteria for SSI SIRs.

3. What can be done if data are incomplete, missing, or if the number of infections or procedures is incorrect?
  - i. Check that all procedure records for the operative procedure category have been entered for each month in the quarter.
  - ii. If all procedures have been entered, double-check your monthly reporting plan for each month in the quarter. Check to make sure that each procedure category (COLO and HYST) is included in your monthly reporting plan for INPATIENT SSI surveillance.

- iii. If all procedures have been entered and no SSIs have been identified, make sure that you have checked “Report No Events” for SSIs for that month and procedure category on the ‘Missing PA Events’ tab of the Alerts screen.

REMEMBER: If you have made any changes to your data, regenerate your datasets in order to review your output options with the most up-to-date data in NHSN.

**Additional Resources:**

CMS Resources for NHSN Users: <http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/cms/index.html>

Operational Guidance: <http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/PDFs/FINAL-ACH-SSI-Guidance.pdf>

Analysis Quick Reference Guides: <http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/PS-Analysis-resources/reference-guides.html>

Troubleshooting the SSI SIR: [http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/PS-Analysis-resources/PDF/SSI-SIR\\_Tips.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/PS-Analysis-resources/PDF/SSI-SIR_Tips.pdf)