The Outpatient Procedure Component (OPC) is a new reporting platform that will be available for use November 1, 2018 by Ambulatory Surgery Centers (ASCs). For ASCs currently reporting Surgical Site Infection (SSI) data using the Patient Safety Component (PSC), enrollment in the OPC will be automatic within the application and require no actions on the part of the ASC.

The OPC is for use by ASC meeting the definition outlined in the Code of Federal Regulations 42 CFR § 416.2: any distinct entity that operates exclusively for the purpose of providing surgical services to patients not requiring hospitalization and in which the expected duration of services does not exceed 24 hours following an admission to the ASC. At this time, the OPC does not include facility-type Hospital Outpatient Procedure Departments (HOPDs). Any HOPD reporting SSI data to National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) should continue to do so by use of the PSC.

The following information found within the CMS Manual System document, notes that a facility may identify their CMS facility designation using the CMS Certification Number (CCN). The CCN is an alphanumeric 10-digit number; the first two digits represent the state identification number. The third digit is an alpha character that identifies the type of facility. The remaining 7-digits are the unique facility identifier.

If the third digit of the CCN is a “C”, this identifies that facility as an Ambulatory Surgical Center.

If the CCN is not known, the facility may use the National Provider Identifier (NPI) Number “Lookup Tool” found at https://www.qualityreportingcenter.com/asc/data/ccn/ to cross-reference their CCN.

What is included in the OPC?

The OPC allows ASCs to report adverse events using one reporting system NHSN. It contains two distinct modules:

**OPC-SDOM** - Same Day Outcome Measures are serious adverse events.

**OPC-SSI** - Surgical Site Infection surveillance includes select outpatient operative procedures.
Details of Each Module

1. **OPC-SDOM** - Same Day Outcome Measures are serious adverse events and include:
   - Patient Burn - unintended tissue injury caused by scalds, contact, fire, chemicals, electricity, or radiation
   - Patient Fall - sudden, uncontrolled, unintentional downward displacement of the body
   - “Wrong” Event - procedure inconsistent with documented informed consent, (specifically, wrong site, wrong side, wrong patient, wrong procedure and wrong implant)
   - All-cause Hospital Transfer/Admission - any transfer/admission to hospital directly from the ASC for any reason.

If monitoring for SDOM, it is an all or nothing measure. This means that all ASC patients must be monitored for all four of the SDOMs from registration to discharge. There is no post-discharge surveillance/reporting for SDOM.

The measures that are included in the SDOM module were developed by the ASC Quality Collaboration (ASC QC) and are similar to those that are included in CMS Ambulatory Surgical Center Quality Reporting (ASCQR) Program. Using NHSN to report the SDOM does NOT meet the reporting requirements for the ASCQR and would be in addition to that requirement.


2. **OPC-SSI** - Surgical Site Infection (SSI) surveillance includes select outpatient operative procedures.

The OPC-SSI includes two sets of SSI criteria, which are similar to those found in the Patient Safety Component SSI (PSC-SSI) protocol. The two sets of criteria are:

   - General SSI criteria - to be used for infections attributable to all procedures except breast surgeries.
   - Breast surgery SSI criteria - to be used only for infections attributable to breast surgeries. This is an NQF-endorsed measure that was developed in collaboration with the ASCQC and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment

For ASCs currently reporting surgical site infection (SSI) data using the PSC, enrollment in the OPC is automatic within the application and requires no action on the part of the ASC for enrollment.

**As of November 1, 2018, the OPC-SSI replaces the use of the PSC-SSI event module for Ambulatory Surgery Centers.**

All SSI data previously entered into the PSC-SSI will be retained and can be easily viewed in the OPC. These data may be edited in the PSC anytime during the next year.

The OPC-SSI protocol and training materials are located at [https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/ambulatory-surgery/ssi/index.html](https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/ambulatory-surgery/ssi/index.html)

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**Are ASCs Required to Use the OPC?**

NHSN has no mandates, but there may be state or local mandates for performing SSI surveillance using NHSN.

The use of the OPC-SDOM does not fulfill any CMS reporting requirements.
All ASCs will fit into one of the three following groups. Find the one that corresponds to your facility’s scenario and then follow the guidance below.

1. An ASC that is currently enrolled in NHSN and using the PSC to report SSI data.
2. An ASC that is currently enrolled in NHSN and only using the Healthcare Personnel Safety Component (HCP) to report healthcare personnel vaccination data and not using the PSC.
3. An ASC that is currently NOT enrolled nor participating in any of the NHSN components.

1. An ASC that is currently enrolled in NHSN using the Patient Safety Component

ASCs that are currently enrolled in the Patient Safety Component (PSC) for SSI surveillance are automatically enrolled in the OPC and no action is required to enroll. However, these ASCs will need to confer rights to groups to which they belong, in order to allow access to their data.

- The 2017 PSC Annual Facility Survey has been copied to the OPC for these ASCs. The survey may be viewed and edited in both the PSC and OPC.
  - If the facility makes any changes in the OPC Annual Facility Survey, the facility MUST also make the same changes in the PSC Annual Facility Survey.
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- In 2019, participating ASCs will complete an OPC Annual Facility Survey for 2018.

These ASCs should continue to use the PSC for data entry of procedures dated 10/31/2018 and prior and any associated SSIs. The facility should use the OPC to enter data for procedures dated 11/1/2018 and later and any associated SSIs.

2. An ASC that is currently enrolled in NHSN, using only the Healthcare Personnel Safety Component (HCP) to report healthcare personnel vaccination data

ASCs that are currently enrolled in the Healthcare Personnel Safety Component (HCP) for reporting healthcare personnel vaccination data may choose to participate in the OPC. These ASCs will need to:

a. add the OPC as a component, and
b. complete an OPC Annual Facility Survey
3. An ASC that is currently **NOT** enrolled nor participating in any of the NHSN components

ASCs that are currently NOT enrolled nor participating in one of the NHSN components may choose to participate in the OPC. These ASCs will need to complete both the:

a. NHSN enrollment at [https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/ambulatory-surgery/enroll.html](https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/ambulatory-surgery/enroll.html), and


**Questions**

Please contact NHSN@cdc.gov with any questions about the OPC and include Outpatient Procedure Component or OPC in the subject line.