

SPARCS Update

New York State Department of Health

December 2013

Office of Quality and Patient Safety

Completed Health Care Disparity Webinar Training Sessions Available through Archive

Improving and Expanding SPARCS Race and Ethnicity Data Collection *October 10, 2013; 1:00-2:00 PM*

Archive: <http://www.hanys.org/r/recordings/>

Collecting the Data: First Steps in Achieving Health Equity

October 17, 2013; 9:00-10:30 AM

Archive: http://www.albany.edu/sph/cphce/phl_1013.shtml

Addressing Healthcare Disparities through Better Data

Collection *October 22, 2013; 1:00-2:00 PM*

Archive: <http://www.hanys.org/r/recordings/>

Lessons from the Field: Closing the Quality Gap in Healthcare Disparities through Better Data Collection

November 12, 2013; 1:00-2:00 PM

Archive: <http://www.hanys.org/r/recordings/>

The Nuts and Bolts of Collecting Race and Ethnicity Data:

Staff Training *December 5, 2013; 1-2:30 PM*

Archive: <http://www.hanys.org/r/recordings/>

Facility Race and Ethnicity Concordance Reports

The reports are currently being finalized for release to facilities to assist them in making data improvements. The reports will be made available on the public website:

http://www.health.ny.gov/statistics/sparcs/data_distribution.htm

Health Data NY

New hospitalization data from SPARCS and Institutional Cost Report (ICR) data submissions is now available on Health Data NY (<https://health.data.ny.gov/>). The recently released dataset contains information on the volume of discharges, All Payer Refined Diagnosis Related Group (APR-DRG), the severity of illness level (SOI), medical or surgical classification, the median

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charge, median cost, average charge, and average cost per discharge.

New York State Health Data Code-a-Thon

The New York State Health Data Code-a-Thon will be a two-day live event (December 19 and 20) at the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute EMPAC Center that will bring together developers, public health policy experts, and other public health stakeholders, in order to collaborate on using open health data and technology to prevent obesity and diabetes in children and adults. The theme of the code-a-thon is “Healthy Connections = Healthy Communities,” which promotes the idea that data can be used to identify or link resources within communities to help New Yorkers make healthier decisions. For details and to register, please visit: <http://www.health2con.com/devchallenge/new-york-state-health-data-code-a-thon/>

Data Protection Review Board December Meeting

The Data Protection Review Board (DPRB) held a quarterly meeting on December 4, 2013. The following external research applications were reviewed during the meeting:

DPRB#	Title	Organization
1004-05 (A3)	Relationship of Air Pollution with Obstructive Lung Disease as a Function of Seasonality, Age, Gender, Race and Co-morbidities	Long Island Jewish Medical Center
1004-09 (A)	Association of Weather and Air Pollution with Psychiatric Hospitalization: A Pilot Study	Long Island Jewish Medical Center
1110-08 (A)	Assessment of the Quality of Meningococcal Disease Reporting in New York City (NYC)	New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (NYCDOHMH)
1211-03 (A)	NYC Systems Analysis of Vulnerable Exiters: Outcomes of Youth Transitioning from Foster Care and Juvenile Justice (NYC S.A.V.E.) and longitudinal Health Care and Services use of Homeless People	Center for Innovation through Data Intelligence (CIDI)-Office of the Mayor, NYC
1312-04	Descriptive Analysis of Emergency Room Presentations and Psychiatric Hospitalizations by Persons with Mental Illness or Co-Morbid Mental Illness and Substance Abuse	Bureau of Data Infrastructure, NYS Office of Mental Health
1312-02	The Impact of the Evolving Healthcare Crisis in Brooklyn on Access to/and Quality of Care for At-Risk Communities	City University of New York Graduate Center
1312-01	Social, Behavioral, Medical, and Environmental Influences on the Health of Pregnancy in New York State Residents, 1995-2016	Brown University School of Public Health
1312-05	30-Day Hospital Readmissions Following Surgery-Are Patients Returning to the Hospital of their Initial Operation	Stony Brook University Medical Center
1312-06	Long-term Outcomes After Cardiac Surgery	Mount Sinai Medical Center
1312-09	Greater Rochester Health Foundation (GRHF) Neighborhood Health Status Improvement Initiative	Finger Lakes Health Systems Agency

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1312-11	Percutaneous Coronary Intervention (PCI) with Everolimus Eluting Stent (EES) Versus Coronary Arterial Bypass Graft (CABG) for Multivessel Coronary Artery Disease (CAD)	New York University Medical Center
1312-10	Maternal Obesity, Information, and Incentives and the U.S. Cesarean Section Rate	Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Sloan School of Management

The next meeting of the DPRB will be held on March 12, 2014, and applications for SPARCS data are due by January 13, 2014.

SPARCS Data Release: Limited and Identifiable

The following organizations received SPARCS data files in November 2013:

Organization	Data File Type	Years
Adirondack Medical Center	Limited	2011-2013
Cigna Healthcare, Medical Economics	Limited	2012-2013
CUNY Queens College	Identifiable	1988-2013
DataBay Resources	Limited	2012
Finger Lakes Health Systems Agency	Identifiable	2012
Hackensack University Medical Ctr	Limited	2012
Health Market Science, Inc.	Limited	2012
Hull Resource Management Group	Limited	2012-2013
Intellimed International Corporation	Limited	2012
Long Island Health Network	Identifiable	2012
North Shore-Long Island Jewish Health System	Identifiable	2011-2013
NYC Health and Hospitals Corporation	Limited	2011-2012
NYU Hospitals Center	Limited	2000-2012
Orleans Community Health	Limited	2011-2013
SG-2, LLC	Limited	2012-2013
SUNY Stony Brook University Medical Center	Identifiable	2012
Truven Health Analytics	Identifiable	2012
University of Pennsylvania	Limited	1992-2010; 2007-2011
Visiting Nurse Service of NY	Limited	2011

A complete list of approved data requests is maintained on the DOH webpage at the following direct link: http://www.health.ny.gov/statistics/sparcs/dprb/approved_data_req.htm

SPARCS Data Release: Year in Summary

During 2013, SPARCS Operations staff processed 182 new applications for SPARCS data and responded to 256 data requests.

Verification of Contact Information

SPARCS Operations continues to verify e-mail addresses and phone numbers for SPARCS Coordinators and Backup Coordinators. If you haven't already done so, please e-mail sparcs@health.state.ny.us with the name, e-mail, and phone number of your facility's Coordinators.

SPARCS Regulations Update

Proposed changes to the regulations were placed in the New York State Register and public comments were received. The Department has responded to those comments, and a formal response letter will be submitted soon.

SPARCS 101 Statewide Training Made Available through WebEx

The upcoming SPARCS 101 training sessions are currently in development and will be coupled with an updated and comprehensive SPARCS Operations guide. The sessions will be made available on a series of dates through WebEx. Please be on the lookout in future SPARCS Updates for more information on availability.

ICD-10 Reporting Update

The Department has been working on the development of a reference file to be used to flag ICD-10 indicators, such as sex, age, HIV/AIDS, abortion, and others. Upon completion of the file, we will request assistance from facilities in reviewing and testing the file.

Happy Holidays!

The Office of Quality and Patient Safety, Bureau of Health Informatics, and SPARCS Operations wishes everyone a healthy and happy holiday season.

We welcome comments and feedback.

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