



## Navigational Video: Joint Commission eCQM Implementation Resources

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This video will demonstrate how to navigate The Joint Commission (TJC) Electronic Clinical Quality Measure webpage. To locate the measure specifications, Value Sets and technical release notes or TRNs.

This is the [jointcommission.org](http://jointcommission.org) website. To navigate to the Specification Manuals, click on the word measurement located on the dark blue banner at the top of the screen, and the screen will pop down with a menu. Towards the left from that menu, select Specification Manuals. Then a screen will slide in from the right with two options. Click on the Electronic Clinical Quality measures link once, and this will take us to the TJC Electronic Clinical Quality Measure webpage. From here, you will see boxes for the current and previous reporting. Click the + to the right of the corresponding year you wish to view. For this demo, I will select the current reporting [year]. Notice that the box expands to show a description of measures accepted by TJC. CMS measures can be found on the eCQI Resource Center by clicking the yellow eCQI [Resource] Center button located below the description. However, since we are focusing on PC-01, -05, -06 we will stay on the TJC electronic Clinical Quality Measures webpage. On this page, you'll find the list of TJC PC measures with their short name eCQM ID for reference. Scrolling down to the bottom of the expanded box. There are links to the measure specifications, measure flows, value sets, and technical release notes. Let us click on the first link that starts with eCQM specifications. A zip file is downloaded.

Go to your downloads and click the eCQM Value Set zip file. A window opens containing zip files for the TJC eCQMs. Let's start with ePC-01 by opening the next two folders. Click the ePC-01 Elective Delivery zip file, click the next folder, CMS113. This opens all the files in the measure package.

I will not go into detail on all these files listed in the measure package, but if you want to know more, go to the Get Started with eCQM site on the eCQI Resource Center at <https://eCQI.healthit.gov/>.

Here you will find the HTML document, which is also referred to as the Human Readable file. Double click the file name to open the CMS113 document. This is where you will find the measure specifications. The top portion of the document highlighted in gray is referred to as the metadata or header information. This is where you will find the eCQM title and version number, the Measure Developer Description, rationale, clinical recommendation and references.

Scrolling down the document, we see helpful guidance and the populations defined in Easy-to Understand language. Below the gray header, notice the Table of Contents. If you know which section you would like to view, click the link to jump to that section. Let us continue to scroll down. Here you will find the population criteria and further down all of the definitions making up the logic.

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Let us continue scrolling through, and please note, definitions are listed in alphabetical order. On this page, you'll also find the functions terminology, i.e., direct reference codes or value sets, QDM data elements, supplemental data elements, and risk adjustment variables, if applicable. This is your go-to document for all measure details. I went through this very quickly, but wanted you to be aware of how to locate this document and to have a basic understanding of its contents.

Back to the TJC Electronic Clinical Quality Measure webpage. The next link is the measure flows. These are measure flow diagrams or algorithms that assist implementers with steps to take to calculate. The eCQM measure flows are covered more in detail on the Expert to Expert webinar series. Next, let's look at the Value Sets listed below the measure flow link. Click once on the value set link to download. This will download the Value Sets for the TJC measures. Go to your downloads and click the eCQM value sets zip file. A window opens containing the TJC measure value sets. The first PDF document in the downloaded file is the Download vs expansion XML education. This is a step-by-step guide on how to download The Joint Commission measure only Value Sets and codes. Double click the Download VS Expansion XML education PDF document. This document shows you how to search the Value Set Authority Center (VSAC) by steward and Expansion Version to download The Joint Commission measure only Value Sets and codes. Scrolling through the document here, you'll find that the steward and Expansion version is provided in the Value Set zip File, and this is needed to download the TJC only codes.

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Back to our downloaded value set zip file window. You can either open the PDF or Excel version of the file. I will open the ePC-01 eCQM value set Excel file now. The spreadsheet opens and the spreadsheet shows a complete list of all of the Value Sets used by the measure, including the OID, Value Set name, Expansion Version, and Steward. As previously discussed, the expansion version and steward info are needed to download the TJC measure only value set and codes, and this is where you can locate both.

Moving along to the right of the spreadsheet, you will find the Code System and other useful information. If the measure uses direct reference codes, they will be listed on the tab with the same name. Clicking the direct reference codes tab will open up the tab to show two direct reference codes. Let us go back to the TJC electronic Clinical Quality measure webpage. To look at the technical release notes, click once on the Technical Release Note link. To download the file, double click the eCQM Technical Release Note zip file.

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A window opens containing a list of the TJC Technical Release Note files. From this folder we will open ePC-01 TRN document. Here is a nice concise list of all the changes to the measure for the current reporting year. Participant feedback from previous webinars asked for concise list of changes to the measure, so we hope this meets your needs in addition to the information that is covered during the Expert to Expert webinars. Back to the TJC Electronic Clinical Quality measure webpage if applicable for the reporting year. On this page, you will find an eCQM known issue log link, to view any known issues.

This concludes our TJC eCQM webpage navigation demo.