

**2009 Second Quarter Benchmarks for Hospital-Abstracted Acute Myocardial Infarction Data  
Using the ABC Technique\***

Performance measure	Benchmark Data (Top "10%" Sample)				Complete Data (100% Eligible Sample)			
	Benchm.	Num	Denom	# of hosp	Rate	Num	Denom	# of hosp
AMI1: Aspirin at Arrival	100.0	8,696	8,697	80	98.3	83,283	84,684	3,229
AMI2: Aspirin at Discharge	100.0	10,438	10,441	61	98.3	101,530	103,335	3,057
AMI3: ACEI or ARB for LVSD	100.0	2,148	2,148	60	95.4	19,017	19,935	2,337
AMI4: Smoking Cessation Counseling	100.0	3,691	3,691	44	99.3	34,115	34,340	2,252
AMI5: Beta-blocker at Discharge	99.9	10,198	10,204	60	98.1	99,352	101,277	3,068
AMI6: Beta-blocker at Arrival -RETIRED	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
AMI7a: Fibrinolytic within 30 Minutes	96.3	52	54	11	57.7	284	492	252
AMI8a: PCI within 90 Minutes	99.6	1,481	1,487	73	87.1	12,078	13,872	1,456

\*The benchmarks reported here are unrelated to the 90th percentiles that are published on Hospital Compare for individual measures.

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