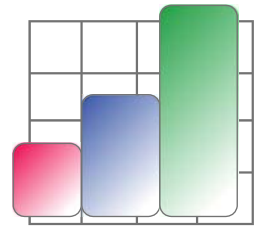


# Fact Sheet About CART



## CMS Abstraction & Reporting Tool (CART)

The CMS Abstraction & Reporting Tool (CART) is a software application for the collection and analysis of quality improvement data. Through data collection, retrospective analyses and real-time reporting, CART enables hospitals to comprehensively evaluate and manage quality improvement efforts.

Designed and developed by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) with input from The Joint Commission (TJC) and Quality Improvement Organizations (QIOs), CART is user-friendly in managing and analyzing quality improvement data.

Whether a hospital is seeking Medicare certification and/or TJC accreditation, or is undertaking its own quality improvement initiatives, CART is ideal for the data collection and analyses that are essential to the success of all quality improvement efforts.

Research has proven that system changes are integral to any quality improvement initiative. Data obtained using CART will assist in identifying areas requiring system changes, as well as the progress of existing system enhancements.

The application is available at **no charge** to hospitals or other organizations seeking to improve the quality of care in the following clinical areas:

- Acute Myocardial Infarction
- Heart Failure
- Pneumonia
- Surgical Care Improvement

CART is available for use on a stand-alone, Windows-based computer, in a computer network, or in environments without computing resources (paper tool). Support for CART includes: abstraction definitions, user guides, training, technical support, and data feedback.



## **CART's key functions and benefits:**

- Assists in meeting CMS and/or TJC measurement specifications for performance monitoring and data collection with a single application.
- Compares progress in quality improvement internally and with hospitals in your state, region, similar bed size, or throughout the nation.
- Maintains security of patient data as well as Health Information Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) compliance.
- Receives updates and enhancements to meet quickly changing and evolving quality improvement needs.
- Performs real-time and/or retrospective analyses.
- Identifies areas for new system changes or enhancements to existing systems based on data collected.

Healthcare providers who need assistance may call KFMC's Abstraction Help Desk toll-free at 1-866-899-0202.

Additional information about CART system functionality and requirements can be found at [www.qualitynet.org](http://www.qualitynet.org).