

AQI PQRS Reports Explained

Overview

Sometimes finding specific information in AQI's reports can get a bit tricky. In order to help you find what you are looking for, AQI will prepare documentation to assist in finding specific information in the reports. Each month, we will describe how to find something new in the reports. In this article, we will be looking at AQI QCDR reports and help individual providers find their reporting rates.

What you need to know

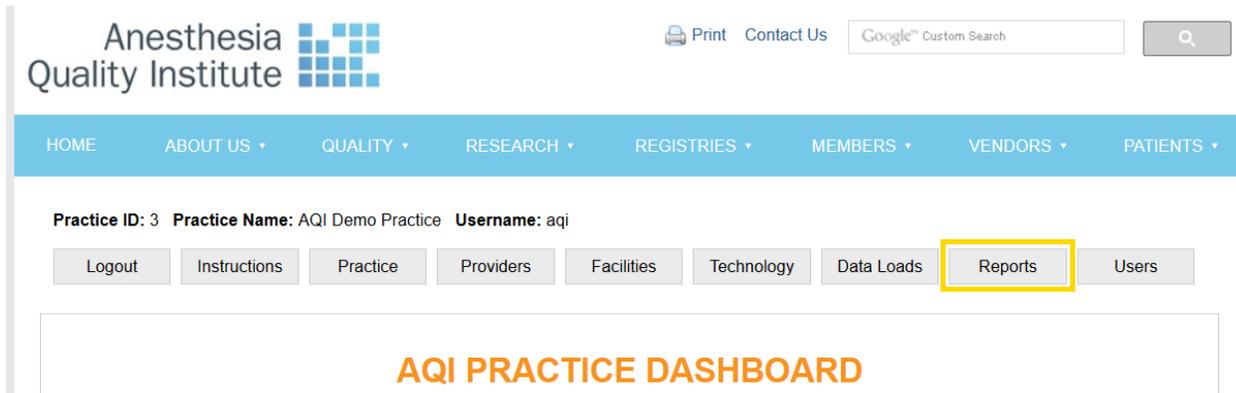
If you would like to follow this guide, there are a few things you will need. First, you will need an AQI account with a log in name and password, if you do not have one, please contact the director of quality at your practice. If the quality director does not have a login, please have them contact AQI at AskAQI@asahq.org. Your anesthesia practice will need to be contributing data to the AQI National Anesthesia Clinical Outcomes Registry (NACOR) as well as participating in ASA's QCDR program. If you are unsure if your group is contributing data or signed up for QCDR, please send an email to "Ask AQI" at AskAQI@asahq.org. The most important piece of information that you will need is an understanding of CMS's requirements for compliance. You may review this criteria at http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/PQRS/Downloads/Quick-Reference-Guide_2015PQRSPaymentAdjustment_F101414.pdf.

Steps

The first step is to log in to the AQI website www.aqihq.org with appropriate privileges to view reports. After you log in, you will be taken to your group's dashboard. This dashboard displays some generic information about your group's participation, among that information is how many anesthesia events are logged in NACOR as well as the number of providers at your practice.

Next, to get to the QCDR reports, you will need to click on the grey "Reports" button at the top of the page.

Figure 1: Go to my reports



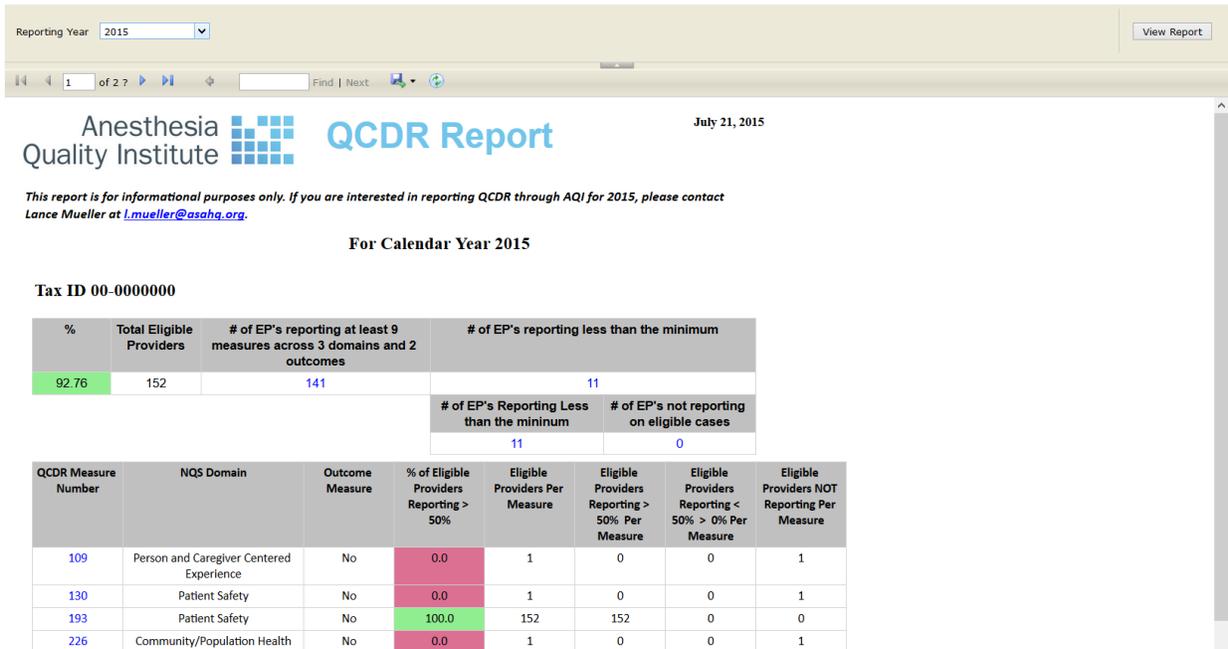
The basic AQI reports will load directly into an overview of your anesthesia practice. If you would like, you may take a few minutes to see how your anesthesia practice compares to others contributing data to NACOR or you could simply click on the blue and white “PQRS / QCDR” button across the top of the page to navigate to the QCDR reports.

Figure 2: Go to PQRS / QCDR reports



When this report load, a high level view of your group’s reporting rate will be displayed. In order to truly understand this report, you must first understand CMS’s compliance requirements. The very first number in this report references an overall percentage for your group’s tax ID. This percentage represents the number of providers (EP’s) who are meeting the requirements outlined by CMS over the total number of providers in your practice. If this number falls below 50%, your practice may be subject to a negative 2 to 4 percent adjustment depending on the number of EP’s in the group (groups with <= 10 EP’s will be subject to an additional 2% whereas groups with > 10 EP’s will be subject to 4%).

Figure 3: AQI QCDR Report



In this example, there are 152 EP's, 141 are meeting CMS's requirements and 11 are not. The practice will not be subject to the additional 4% negative payment adjustment since this results in a 92.76% rate (141/152), however the 11 providers who are not meeting the requirements will be subject to a 2% negative payment adjustment. Also displayed is an overview of each measure. AQI has evaluated each anesthesia event to determine if the event meets any of the available measure denominator requirements and displays that measure if one anesthesia event where an EP is present in the data submitted. We do this to help groups identify measures which could be reported on in case your group needs assistance in identifying which measures to choose from when making this decision. In the example provided PQRS measure 193 (NQF 0454): Perioperative Temperature Management was selected by this fictitious group to report. All 152 providers reported on this measure satisfactorily (each provider reported on >= 50% of eligible anesthesia events).

By clicking on the number "11" in this report under "# of EP's reporting less than the minimum", a sub-report is displayed identifying the EP's not reporting the minimum requirements.

Figure 4: EP's not meeting the minimum requirements

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Provider NPI	# of Eligible Measures	# of Measures reporting at least 50 %	# of Measures reporting less than 50%	# of measures not being reported	# of Domains	# of Outcome Measures
0034200000	14	8	0	6	3	5
0041000000	12	8	0	4	3	5
0044400000	12	8	0	4	3	5
0033200000	12	8	0	4	3	5
0043800000	15	8	0	7	3	5
0038400000	13	7	0	6	3	4
0036100000	13	7	0	6	3	4

This list of EP's simply show how many measures could be reported on, how many were reported on successfully, and how many were not. Clicking on the NPI number for an individual EP will show which measures the EP has reported on as well as which ones could be reported.

Figure 5: Individual EP reports

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Provider NPI	QCDR Measure Number	Reporting Rate	Performance Rate	Eligible Cases Per Measure	Eligible Cases Reported Per Measure	Measure Performance Achieved	Measure Performance Not Achieved	Measure Performance Exclusions
0034200000	358	0.00	0	9	0	0	0	0
0034200000	ASA16	0.00	0	15	0	0	0	0
0034200000	ASA18	0.00	0	11	0	0	0	0
0034200000	ASA20	0.00	0	16	0	0	0	0
0034200000	ASA33	0.00	0	1	0	0	0	0
0034200000	ASA34	0.00	0	1	0	0	0	0
0034200000	193	100.00	100	16	16	11	0	5
0034200000	ASA10	100.00	100	17	17	17	0	0
0034200000	ASA11	100.00	0	15	15	0	15	0
0034200000	ASA12	100.00	0	15	15	0	15	0
0034200000	ASA13	100.00	0	10	10	0	10	0
0034200000	ASA14	100.00	81.25	16	16	13	3	0
0034200000	ASA17	100.00	100	12	12	9	0	3
0034200000	ASA22	100.00	0	16	16	0	0	16

Here each measure is displayed for an individual EP showing how many cases the EP could have reported on, how many they did not report on, and the number of cases meeting the measures exclusion criteria. These are the numbers which CMS requires AQI to provide. For each EP, AQI intends to submit a data file containing these numbers to CMS in February of 2016. AQI updates this report on a weekly basis as we process data coming in, and a refreshed report will be available each Monday until the end of the year. In this report, this provider has reported on 8 measures successfully (> 50% of eligible anesthesia events) and could have reported on an additional 6 measures. In order to meet the basic requirements, this provider will need to report on at least one additional measure ASA16, ASA18, or ASA20 may be the most likely candidates since they are done more often.