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Magee-Womens Hospital was noted to have several statistics reported outside the expected performance range on the latest Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council report. The following are comments related to these statistics:

Vaginal hysterectomy was noted to have a readmission rate of 7%. There was a 6.3% readmission rate in vaginal hysterectomy patients for the complication of infection. Our review of the 311 cases noted revealed:

1. 51% of our vaginal hysterectomy cases were associated with multiple additional procedures also being performed. Vaginal hysterectomy cases with multiple procedures are expected to have a higher acuity and thus higher risk.
2. PHIC4 statistics also report Magee-Womens Hospital had a lower than expected length of stay for our 17 cases of DRG 180. Our review found 4 of the 17 cases were end-stage cancer patients who were moved to hospice care, thus continued hospitalization was not indicated. Our length of stay for our remaining 13 cases was 5.0 which is within the normal expected range (AMLOS 5.7).
3. Magee-Womens Hospital was reported to have a 15% readmission rate for gall bladder removal – laparoscopy. Review of our data showed only 9 cases with 1 readmission. This is statistically insignificant due to the small number of cases.

4. Magee was reported to have 49% of our pneumonia patients readmitted for any reason. Five out of 10 of the patients noted to be readmitted related to pneumonia were cancer patients. One of these readmissions was a planned readmission for bowel surgery. The remaining readmissions were medically unrelated to their first admission. Most of these patients were post-op patients who are expected to have other complicating medical conditions that required readmission.

Respectfully submitted,



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