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Mortality Metric Alert!

CMS and Care Science (Premier QualityAdvisor) mortality risk models only include diagnoses that are Present On Admission (POA).

Document all diagnoses including possible/probable/likely/suspected diagnoses in your history and physical (H&P) so they are included in the mortality risk calculation.

Diagnoses that greatly increase the risk of mortality in **Premier's** model include:

- **Encounter for Palliative Care (Z51.5)**
 - Are you managing symptoms for your patient with a terminal illness?
 - Nausea, vomiting and/or pain control?
 - Document it!
- **Failure to Thrive**
- **Do Not Resuscitate/DNR**
- **Sepsis**
- **Malnutrition (mild, moderate or severe)**

Providers may be **queried** to clarify if these conditions were POA.
A response is important for risk calculation.