

## Length of Stay (LOS) Impact

**Accurate and effective documentation will align Severity of Illness (SOI) with Geometric Mean Length of Stay (GMLOS)**

Question:

**Which patient has a longer GMLOS?**

***Patient A:*** 67 yo male with sepsis due to pneumonia, acute respiratory failure, chronic diastolic CHF, DM Type 2 with nephropathy, chronic kidney disease stage 3 and HTN

**OR:**

***Patient B:*** 67 yo male with pneumonia, CHF, DM, renal insufficiency and HTN

Answer:

***Patient A:***

**Even if patient A and B are the *exact same* patient!**

**\*Note: The only difference between patient A & patient B is the *number* and *specificity* of diagnoses with which patient A was described as having in the medical record**

Patient A = MS-DRG 871; expected GMLOS of **4.9 days**

Patient B = MS-DRG 195; expected GMLOS of **2.8 days**