



Source Data Verification Protocol

The data verification procedure at the site is planned in steps as follows:

1. 100% of patients data of the previous year(s) are supplied to the Database
2. The Centers performing verification need to validate their data in the data collection software according to the instructions from data upload summary, to make sure that all operations have a status = valid before uploading the data to the website.
3. The Database Coordinator visit the site with printed Data Verification Forms containing the 11 items for each operation that will be verified.
4. Person locally responsible for the verification indicates the source of information at the site, different to the local copy of the database or related to the database (patients' files, hospital computerized system etc.).
5. The Database Coordinator at the visit checks on the reliability of the data undergoing verification according to the form provided.
6. After verification is completed the coordinator sends the data verification summary which indicates the number and percentage of the discovered errors with comparison to the mean value from the other verified centers.
The verified center received the data verification certificate

The hospital mortality will be defined as "at 30 days" or within the same hospitalization.

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