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**Note Regarding Laboratory Collection Timeframe for Cardiac Surgery Records**

The intention for risk adjustment of cardiac surgery records\* is to continue using the laboratory test results from specimens collected prior to the anesthesia start time and within the laboratory test collection timeframe specified above. The laboratory test results to be used in risk adjustment will be identified by comparing the “Anesthesia Start Date” and “Anesthesia Start Time” submitted in the cardiac surgery supplemental clinical data with the “Date Specimen Collected” and “Time Specimen Collected” submitted in the laboratory data.

As such, when laboratory test results within the collection timeframe are available for both prior to and after the anesthesia start date and time for the **first** CABG and/or valve surgery, hospitals may choose to only submit laboratory test results collected prior to the anesthesia start date and time following all other specifications and requirements in this manual.

For example:

- A patient is admitted at 4:00 p.m. and has a CABG procedure performed at 7:00 p.m. (start time of anesthesia). Laboratory test results from Day 1 up to 7:00 p.m. would be considered for submission.
- A patient is admitted at 9:00 p.m. and has a CABG procedure performed on Day 2 at 8:00 a.m. (start time of anesthesia). Laboratory test results from Day 1 and Day 2 up to 8:00 a.m. would be considered for submission.
- A patient is admitted at 4:00 p.m. and has a CABG procedure performed on Day 5. Laboratory test results from Day 1 would be considered for submission.

Hospitals will continue to have the option to review and update the laboratory test results for cardiac surgery records, if applicable, by using the Laboratory Data Administration tool.

\* The ICD-10-PCS procedure codes that define the cardiac surgery study population are available in the *Cardiac Surgery Supplemental Clinical Data Reporting Manual* available at <http://www.phc4.org/dept/dc/dcmanuals.htm>.