

**PROVINCIAL STANDARD FOR ABSTRACTING PRACTICES
RELATED TO
MULTIPLE ANAESTHETIC TECHNIQUES**

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Purpose

The purpose of this Standard is to promote consistent data collection provincially related to multiple anaesthetic techniques administered during the same intervention episode.

Background

Prior to 2016-17, the *Discharge Abstract Database (DAD) Abstracting Manual* collection instructions for Anaesthetic Technique, Group 11 Field 12 for details required all anaesthetic techniques administered during the same intervention episode to be recorded. No hierarchy of priority/order for the anaesthetic techniques to be recorded was applied.

In 2016-17, changes were made to the collection instructions for Anaesthetic Technique making it optional to collect some anaesthetic techniques in certain circumstances (See the *DAD Abstracting Manual* Collection Instructions for Anaesthetic Technique, Group 11 Field 12 for details).

This change in data collection instructions have caused confusion and potential inconsistency in the data collected related to anaesthetic techniques. As a result, Newfoundland and Labrador will adopt a provincial variation to the *DAD Abstracting Manual* collection instructions and continue to collect this data as was the case prior to 2016-17.

Standard

Effective immediately, it is **mandatory** to collect **all** anaesthetic techniques on the abstract when multiple techniques are administered during the same intervention episode.

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