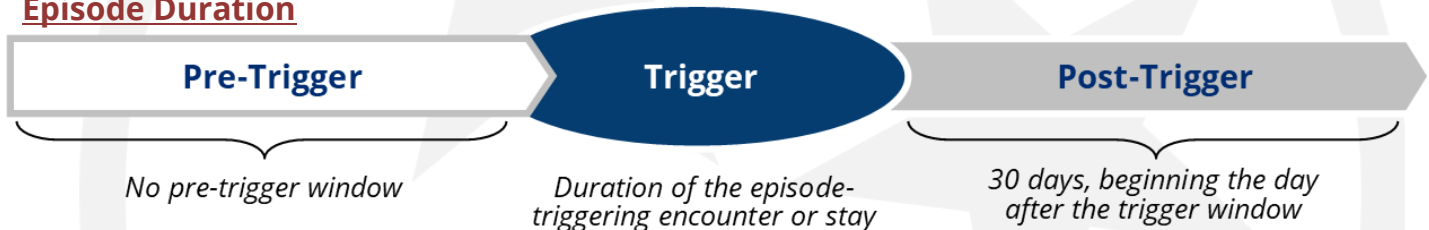# Pancreatitis Episode
Executive Summary

Episode Design

- **Trigger:** pancreatitis diagnosis
- **Quarterback type:** facility (pancreatitis diagnosis site)
- **Care included:** all pancreatitis-related care including specific imaging and testing, specific medications, and specific surgical and medical procedures

Sources of Value

- Appropriate use of imaging and testing
- Appropriate use of critical care setting
- Appropriate length of stay
- Identification of root cause of exacerbation
- Appropriate management/resolution of root cause
- Appropriate use of procedural treatment
- Appropriate use of analgesia during hospital stay and on discharge
- Appropriate use of narcotics
- Appropriate follow up and management of root cause
- Reduction in avoidable readmissions
- Appropriate management of complications

Episode Duration

Pre-Trigger	Trigger	Post-Trigger
No pre-trigger window	*Duration of the episode-triggering encounter or stay*	*30 days, beginning the day after the trigger window*

Quality Metrics

Tied to Gain-Sharing

- Follow-up care within 14 days (higher rate is better)

Informational Only

- Nutritional counseling
- New narcotics prescription
- Multiple narcotics prescription
- Readmissions
- ED visits
- ERCP performed
- Cholecystectomy performed
- Relevant laboratory test
- Difference in average morphine equivalent dose (MED) per day

Making Fair Comparisons

Exclusions

- Business exclusions: inconsistent enrollment, third-party liability, dual eligibility, FQHC/RHC, no PAP ID, incomplete episodes, overlapping episodes
- Clinical exclusions: different care pathway (e.g., cystic fibrosis, immunity disorder, organ transplant, DCS custody)
- Patient exclusions: age (greater than 64 years old), death, left against medical advice
- High-cost outlier: episodes with risk-adjusted spend greater than three standard deviations above the average risk-adjusted episode spend for valid episodes are excluded.

Risk adjustment is used to ensure appropriate comparisons between patients.

To learn more about the episode's design, please reference the Detailed Business Requirements (DBR) and Configuration File on our website at https://www.tn.gov/tenncare/health-care-innovation/episodes-of-care/searchable-episodes-table.html.