



# Home Care Frequently Asked Questions

These clinical coding questions are highlighted as they are often asked of our CIHI staff. We share the answers on the [Assessor's Resource page](#) as a quick and easy reference to help assessors complete sections of interRAI assessments according to the coding standard (intent, definition and process) explained in interRAI user manuals, thus improving accuracy and data quality.

The following FAQs can be found in the CIHI web-based [eQuery](#) tool along with answers to more clinical coding questions and other related topics (data submission, analysis and reporting).

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eQuery #	Assessment Instrument	Section/ Topic	Question	Response
60524	RAI-HC	<b>Q1</b> (Number of Medications), <b>Q2d</b> (Receipt of Hypnotic or Analgesic), section <b>Q5</b> (List of All Medications)	If marijuana is prescribed for medicinal use, or it is being used without a prescription, should it be captured as an analgesic medication in sections Q1 (Number of Medications), Q2d (Receipt of Hypnotic or Analgesic), and section Q5 (List of All Medications) of the RAI-HC?	CIHI classifies medications according to the World Health Organization's Anatomical Therapeutic Chemical (ATC) classification system. The ATC classification for cannabinoids is: N02BG10 Cannabinoids. Marijuana, as a cannabinoid, would therefore be captured in Q1 (Number of Medications), Q2d (Receipt of Hypnotic or Analgesic), and section Q5 (List of All Medications) regardless of whether it has been prescribed or not prescribed. <b>This change in coding practice is effective October 8, 2015.</b>
52297	RAI-HC	<b>Q2d</b> (Hypnotic or Analgesic)	If a person takes ASA 81 mg once daily, is it captured as an analgesic in section Q2d (Hypnotic or Analgesic)?	interRAI has recommended the following change in coding practice to align with the World Health Organization (WHO) standards for classification of medications: Acetylsalicylic Acid (Entrophen, ASA, Novasen, Bufferin, Aspirin) when given once a day as an antithrombotic agent, regardless of dose, it is considered to be <b>an</b>



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				<p><b>antithrombotic</b> agent and should not be captured as an analgesic in section Q2d (Hypnotic or Analgesic). Acetylsalicylic Acid when given in multiple doses per day, regardless of dose, is considered an analgesic and should be captured as such in section Q2d. Note that if Acetylsalicylic Acid is given once a day as an analgesic, regardless of dose, it should be captured as an analgesic in section Q2d.</p> <p><b>This change in coding practice is effective as of April 1st, 2015.</b></p>
45702	RAI-HC	H2a (Mobility in Bed) or H2b (Transfer)?	Is the assistance required to lift the legs in and/or out of the bed captured in H2a (Mobility in Bed) or H2b (Transfer)?	<p>interRAI has recommended the following change in coding practice for sections H2a (Mobility in Bed) and H2b (Transfer): Lifting the legs in and/or out of the bed is considered a subtask of 'Transfer'. 'Mobility in Bed' includes those tasks completed once a person is lying on the bed or other sleeping surface.</p> <p><b>This change in coding practice is effective as of April 1st, 2015.</b></p>
52062	RAI-HC	K4 Pain	If a person complains of pain and is given a PRN analgesic with good effect, should we capture the pain in K4?	<p>Yes. If the person identifies that he or she is experiencing pain of any kind, you will capture it in K4 (Pain), even if the analgesic is effective. It is important to capture any and all pain, in order to ensure appropriate pain relief interventions are included in the person's plan of care.</p>
48731	RAI-HC	CC4 (Time Since Last Hospital Stay)	Should CC4 (Time Since Last Hospital Stay) be coded based on the date in CC1 (Date Case Opened) or is it based on the date in A1 (Assessment Reference Date)?	<p>Section CC4 should use the assessment reference date as its anchor. For example, you would only count persons as "presently in hospital" if that was true on the day the assessment was being completed.</p>
44316	RAI-HC	Q5c (Route of Administration)	How is section Q5c (Form) coded for eye drops, ear drops, and transdermal applications such as Transderm Nitro? How is section Q5c coded for creams such as Hydrocortisone Cream or Canesten Cream?	<p>Eye drops, ear drops, and transdermal applications such as Transderm Nitro should be coded "10" (Other). Topical (code "7") pertains to a particular area of the skin only affecting the area to which it is applied (for example, Hydrocortisone Cream, Canesten Cream); ear drops, eye drops, and transdermal applications enter the body through the eye/ear/skin.</p>

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				<p>You will note that on page 145 of the RAI-Home Care (RAI-HC) User's Manual, Canadian Version, September 2010 it indicates that a code of "7" includes eye drops and ointments. When the User's Manual is revised that statement will be changed.</p>