Q. What is included in the public use discharge data files?

A. Record layouts are provided on our website:

http://www.oregon.gov/oha/OHPR/RSCH/ASC/ASC_Public_Layout2011.pdf

http://www.oregon.gov/oha/OHPR/RSCH/docs/HDD/HDDPublic_Layout2011.pdf

A. Who reports in the public use discharge files?

Q. The inpatient discharge database reports discharges (hospitalizations) from 59 (60 beginning late 2013) acute care hospitals in Oregon. Excluded are the Veterans Administration Hospitals, any specialty or rehabilitative care hospital, long term care facilities, and psychiatric hospitals. To be considered an inpatient discharge, the patient must have stayed a minimum of one day in the hospital.

The Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) and outpatient data set contains discharges from outpatient visits (less than one day stay) from the previously mentioned acute care hospitals as well as 86 free standing ASCs. This datasets captures surgeries and procedures performed on an outpatient basis. It does not include emergency department data, urgent care, or primary care information.

Q. What is the cost for data?

A. Public use hospital inpatient datasets cost $250 per year of data. Public use Outpatient and Ambulatory Surgical Center data cost $75 per calendar quarter or $250 per year of data.

Q. Do you take credit cards?

A. Unfortunately we do not. We can only accept check or money order. Please make checks out to Oregon Health Authority

Q. Why do the public use data sets not contain full zip codes?

A. The state of Oregon does not provide full zip codes in public use data sets. These data sets comply with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act Privacy Rule's Safe Harbor definition of de-identified. As a result, the Office of Health Analytics has replaced the full zip codes with the first 3 digits of the patient's zip code when the population of the region the 3 digits cover is greater than 20,000. For regions with a population below 20,000, the zip code is entirely censored and replaced with '000'. The first 3 digits still form a defined geographical area, but are much larger than the full zip code and contain greater populations. These are factors that help ensure patient confidentiality. The link above goes into great detail as to the decision making process for removing zip codes.

Q. Where can I get full zip codes?

A. If your analysis requires full zip codes, we refer you to the Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project (HCUP). HCUP is a federal-state-industry partnership than maintains state discharge

databases. HCUP data may only be used by the data recipient for research which may include analysis and aggregate statistical reporting. HCUP data <u>cannot</u> be used (1) for commercial or competitive purposes involving those individual establishments; or (2) to determine the rights, benefits, or privileges of individual establishments. One can purchase research level datasets from Oregon (and other states) at the HCUP website. HCUP places restrictions on the use of the datasets and requires signed data use agreements to be in place prior to receiving data.

http://www.hcup-us.ahrq.gov/tech_assist/centdist.jsp

Q. Can I get custom datasets from Oregon?

A. Generally speaking, no. The state of Oregon provides public use data sets. Research level data sets are obtained through our federal partner HCUP. The Oregon Association of Hospitals & Health Systems may be able to accommodate request for custom datasets related to hospital inpatient discharge. In addition, the Oregon Health Authority may be able to assist researcher or public health officials with custom datasets if the discharge data from HCUP is not suitable. For example, the Oregon Health Authority may be able to assist researchers with linking hospital inpatient discharge data to other data sets before producing a limited dataset. One can inquire about data linking from the ohpr.datasubs@state.or.us contact email.