

# Site of care insights for administering injectable medications

Ambulatory infusion services provided by hospital-based infusion centers, physician offices and home infusion companies are a growing segment of the healthcare market. Outpatient ambulatory services create capacity for patients while retaining the patient in a single health system or hospital and can translate to an overall lower cost of care. The growth of infusion services is projected to continue at an 8.6% compounded annual growth rate through 2025.<sup>1</sup>

## Growth of ambulatory services is attributed to several major factors<sup>1,2</sup>



- An increase in new molecular entities approved by the FDA, primarily in the rare, orphan and specialty segment that are readily administered in ambulatory settings
- A consolidating market to meet increasing consumerism and patient demand while lowering costs and focusing on population health
- New technology and techniques such as medical advancements in surgery, telehealth and data systems
- Payment reform changing reimbursement and incentives particularly focused on the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services

## Important elements to contemplate in transitions of care include patient safety, medication safety, payer restrictions, medication costs and reimbursement considerations.

It is critical to know which medications are suitable in the various ambulatory infusion sites for patient and medication safety. To access this knowledge quickly, our experts have developed the Vizient<sup>®</sup> Site of Care Database that identifies attributes of medications that can provide information to providers (physicians, nurse practitioners and pharmacists) that assist in determining a safe and appropriate location for the administration of injectable medications.

## This tool allows you to search by drug name and provides various clinical attributes such as:

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| • Therapeutic class  | • Severe allergic or hypersensitivity reactions | • Infusion time              |
| • Service line   | • REMS program                                  | • Stability & reconstitution |
| • Package insert recommendations for administration personnel, monitoring and facility | • Hazardous drug classification                 | • Extravasation precautions  |
|  |   | • Route of administration    |

## Recently updated reimbursement and payer attributes include:

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| • HCPCS codes and status indicator | • CMS status indicator | • Top 5 national payer list |
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<sup>1</sup>Harris Williams. Infusion Therapy Market Overview. <https://www.harriswilliams.com/our-insights/infusion-services-care-setting-shift-drives-growth>. Accessed 4/12/24.

<sup>2</sup>Definitive Healthcare. 3 factors influencing growth across the outpatient market. <https://www.definitivehc.com/blog/factors-influencing-outpatient-care>. Sept. 28, 2022.