Appendix: Physician Documentation Quality Instrument (PDQI-9)

Date: _____ **Author:** _____ **Reviewer:** _____

Note Type (circle): Admit Progress Discharge

Instructions: Please review the chart before assessing the note. Then rate the note on each of the following attributes:

Attribute	Score	Description of Ideal Note
1. Up-to-date	Not at all 1 2 3 4 Extremely 5	The note contains the most recent test results and recommendations.
2. Accurate	Not at all 1 2 3 4 Extremely 5	The note is true. It is free of incorrect information.
3. Thorough	Not at all 1 2 3 4 Extremely 5	The note is complete and documents all of the issues of importance to the patient.
4. Useful	Not at all 1 2 3 4 Extremely 5	The note is extremely relevant, providing valuable information and/or analysis.
5. Organized	Not at all 1 2 3 4 Extremely 5	The note is well-formed and structured in a way that helps the reader understand the patient's clinical course.
6. Comprehensible	Not at all 1 2 3 4 Extremely 5	The note is clear, without ambiguity or sections that are difficult to understand.
7. Succinct	Not at all 1 2 3 4 Extremely 5	The note is brief, to the point, and without redundancy.
8. Synthesized	Not at all 1 2 3 4 Extremely 5	The note reflects the author's understanding of the patient's status and ability to develop a plan of care.
9. Internally Consistent	Not at all 1 2 3 4 Extremely 5	No part of the note ignores or contradicts any other part.
Total Score:		

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