

Site of Care (SOC) Selection Considerations

Highlighted common sites of care include:



Physician office



Independent infusion center



Hospital outpatient department



Home infusion



Each Site of Care Has Unique Features That May Help You Decide the Best Option for Your Patients



PHYSICIAN OFFICE INFUSION SUITE

Infusion that takes place either in the office of the prescribing HCP or in the office of another HCP with established infusion capabilities.

Benefits

- Provides physician oversight
- Experienced with administering IV infusions
- Allows for close, real-time monitoring of patients during infusion
- Patients may be more comfortable in their HCP's office than in a new facility
- Easier to monitor that treatment is being done on schedule
- Allows for easier tracking and communication of lab test results prior to infusion appointments with the prescriber

Considerations

- Infusing physician may require initial office visit for patients referred to them for infusion
- Not all offices are set up with infusion capabilities; the closest office with infusion capabilities for the patient could be too far
- Not all specialist offices that have infusion capabilities are willing to take on patients for infusion services only and may only agree to infuse under a co-management arrangement

THIRD-PARTY INFUSION MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATIONS perform and manage infusions that occur in an HCP office. These organizations provide resources and support that is unique for each office based on contracted services.

Benefits

- Provides physician oversight
- Owns responsibility for establishing and supporting infusion-related services for the HCP office
- Delivers a wide-variety of infusion-related services at HCP offices (e.g., software provision, drug procurement, core infusion services, staffing oversight, prior authorization support, billing and claims management)

Considerations

- HCP offices will have to dedicate space to the infusion equipment (chairs, infusion pumps, storage equipment)
- Depending on the services provided, there may be a cost-sharing consideration
- A contract will have to be established with a third-party organization



INDEPENDENT INFUSION CENTER

Infusion centers set up separate from and not owned by the hospital or physician office. These sites are staffed with nurses and may or may not have physicians on site for patient care.

Benefits

- Experienced with IV infusions
- Often have more modern amenities since infusion is their business (nicer chairs, TVs, Wi-Fi)
- May have more capacity or scheduling capabilities given infusion-only focus

Considerations

- May not have a physician on site, which may not meet Medicare requirements
- Patients may not be comfortable without a physician present



HOSPITAL OUTPATIENT DEPARTMENT

Facilities set up as part of the hospital for patients who do not need to be admitted to the hospital to receive their infusions.

Benefits

- Provides physician oversight
- Highly experienced with administering IV infusions
- Patients might feel like the hospital is the best location with the most trained staff
- Additional resources might be available from the hospital (billing, scheduling, patient education)

Considerations

- The medicines may need to be on the hospital formulary in order to be infused
- Can be challenging for patients to navigate due to size and logistics (i.e., location)
- May be scheduling delays due to high volume of other specialty infusions
- Generally considered a costly site of care by payors; some payors may require use of an alternate site of care



HOME INFUSION

Trained nursing staff can provide infusion services in the patient's home, whether for convenience or by necessity. Home infusion teams can provide their own supplies, coordinate scheduling, handle monitoring and draw labs.

Benefits

- May offer convenience for patients with:
 - Accessibility considerations
 - No local infusion facility
- Highly experienced with administering IV infusions
- Opportunity for infusion education with home infusion nurse
- Patients can stay in the comfort of their own home
- Allows patient to remain adherent to treatment when they have to stay home

Considerations

- No physician on site, which may not meet Medicare requirements
- Insurance requirements may prefer in-home infusion, or may not cover it, depending on the plan
- Patients may not feel comfortable letting providers into their home
- Hospitals or independent infusion centers may also have home infusion capabilities

For more education on the SOC options available to patients prescribed a Horizon infused medicine, contact Horizon By Your Side, a patient support program.



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