

# Site of care insights for administering injectable medications

Ambulatory infusion services provided by hospital-based infusion centers, physician offices and home infusion companies is currently a growing segment of the healthcare market.

## Three major factors have contributed to the expansion of ambulatory services<sup>1</sup>



- A consolidating market to meet increasing demand of patient consumerism and convenience while lowering cost and focusing on population health
- New technology and techniques such as medical advancements in surgery, telehealth and data systems
- Payment reform and reimbursement particularly focused on the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services

Like the advancements in medical technology, pharmaceuticals have exponentially advanced the breadth and depth of available treatments and supportive care medications across numerous disease states, many of which can be administered in ambulatory environments.

Overall, 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. Important elements to consider in these transitions of care include patient safety, medication safety, payer restrictions, medications costs and reimbursement should be considered.

Patient and medication safety are of utmost importance. It is critical to know which medications are suitable for the various ambulatory infusion sites versus being only suitable for inpatient use because of additional support and monitoring needed. To access this knowledge quickly, our experts have developed a database that provides insights for administering injectable medications. The Vizient® Site of Care database identifies attributes of medications that can provide information to providers (physicians, nurse practitioners, and pharmacists) to help determine a safe and appropriate location for drug administration.

## This tool allows you to search by drug name and provides various attributes including:

- Therapeutic Class
- Route of administration
- Package Insert Recommendations for administration
- Extravasation Precautions
- Severe allergic/hypersensitivity reactions
- REMS program
- Hazardous drug classification
- Infusion time
- Stability & Reconstitution
- HCPCS Codes and Status Indicator

## Interested in learning more? Email [PharmacyQuestions@vizientinc.com](mailto:PharmacyQuestions@vizientinc.com) to schedule a demo.

The Vizient Site of Care database was developed by the Vizient Center for Pharmacy Practice Excellence which is responsible for developing and updating clinical pharmacy publications and information. This team of industry experts constantly monitors changes in the pharmacy landscape to provide the most current information to help you better manage your pharmacy program.

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<sup>1</sup>Definitive Healthcare. 3 factors influencing growth across the outpatient market. <https://www.definitivehc.com/blog/factors-influencing-outpatient-care>. Accessed 28 Sept 2022.