

Table 3. Step 2: Characterising the Indicator

PSI (number): (Title)	
Overall origin of the PSI relating to the organisation	
Dimension	Description
Description of Specific Aspects of Patient Safety	Provides a concise statement of the specific aspects of patient safety, the patient population, providers, setting(s) of care, and time period that the measure addresses.
Aim of the PSI	Gives a concise description of the aim of the specific PSI.
Level of Determination of Patient Safety	Identifies the level at which safety can be assessed (i.e., at the individual patient level or the aggregate patient level).
Source(s)	Describes the specific sources of the PSI
Evidence Supporting the Criterion of Patient Safety	Describes the type(s) of supporting evidence appropriate for the measure domain.
Extent of Clinically Testing	Describes the extent of testing of the measure including reliability and/or validity testing.
Evidence of Clinically use of Standards	Describes the extent of standards used clinically, and which standards were used according to the objective of the indicator.
PSI Category	Specifies whether the indicator is: <i>Institution-wide PSIs</i> <i>Theme Related PSIs:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – “Infections Control” – “Surgical Complication” – “Medication Errors” – “Obstetrics” – “In-Hospital Fall” <i>Diagnose Specific as well as other Specific PSIs</i>
Data Definitions	Describes the data definition in detail
Denominator Description	Provides the <i>general</i> specifications of any clinical component that is the basis for inclusions and exclusions in the denominator.
Numerator Description	Provides the <i>general</i> specifications of any clinical component that is the basis for inclusions and exclusions in the numerator.
Data Source	Identifies the data source(s) necessary to implement the measure
Identifying the institutional context	Placing the indicator in an institutional context. E.g. it is also relating to quality improvement work and/or accreditation
Care Setting	Classifies the settings for which the measure applies
Professionals Responsible for Health Care	Classifies the professional(s) who is/are responsible for health care
Lowest Level of Health Care Delivery Addressed	Classifies the lowest level of health care delivery to which the measure (in its current use) applies
Allowance for Patient Factors	Identifies the type of analytic considerations made for the measure based on patient factors or characteristics (e.g., High-risk/vulnerable subgroups, Other subgroups [e.g., age cohort], Case-mix adjustment, Paired data at the patient level, Risk adjustment).

Stratification by Vulnerable Populations	Describes the populations vulnerable to health care patient safety problems that are separately identified for sampling
Standard of Comparison	Classifies the type and time frame of the comparison according to whether the comparison is external (at a given point-in-time or of a time trend), internal, or to a prescriptive standard.
Scoring	Identifies the method used to score the measure (e.g., Categorical, Continuous Variable, Count, Frequency Distribution, Non-weighted Score/Composite/Scale, Rate, Ratio, Weighted Score/Composite/Scale).