

Operational Data Base

Report, compare and analyze data to improve operational and financial performance



Overview

The Vizient® Operational Data Base (ODB) provides hospitals and provider practices with transparent, comparative insights on the operational characteristics of hospital departments to support performance improvement, budgeting and cost optimization initiatives.

Hospitals face increasing pressures on margins due to shrinking reimbursement, the growing cost of health care and evolving reimbursement models. Hospitals' ability to optimize revenues is also challenged due to volume shifts from traditional inpatient to ambulatory services.

An effective strategy requires health care organizations focus on lowering costs while improving quality of care. With approximately 75 percent of operational expenses tied to labor and supply, access to reliable financial and operational data is crucial to make informed decisions about employee productivity, supply utilization and other areas that directly impact the bottom line and patient care. In short, organizations need actionable analytics.

The ODB allows hospitals, including academic medical centers, teaching hospitals and community hospitals to report, compare and analyze data focusing on operational characteristics of hospital departments. ODB analyzes the information to support process improvement, budgeting and cost reduction, while also improving operational and financial performance.

The ODB provides an accurate picture of hospital department costs and helps identify effective ways to take operational and financial performance to the next level.

600+ hospitals

Compare and measure operational performance among similar institutions including more than 600 Vizient facilities.

30+ years

With more than 30 years of experience in multiple clinical areas, Vizient experts continually advance analytic solutions to help you improve performance and patient care.

>250 hospital departments

Measures in more than 250 hospital departments, including hours worked per unit of service, skill mix, labor and supply expense per unit of service, and operational practices.

Key functionalities

Benchmarking and data

- Transparent comparative benchmarking with other ODB participants.
- Department-specific metrics, including hours worked and hours paid, skill mix, overtime, labor and supply expense, units of service, capacity utilization, etc.
- Data to support performance improvement, budgeting, cost reduction and best practice identification.
- Data quality program to improve the breadth, depth, accuracy and comparability of data supported by a dedicated Product Advisor.

Reporting

- Actionable insights that identify opportunities to improve performance, reduce costs, improve budgeting and identify best performers.
- Custom reports that analyze department-specific metrics, including hours worked and hours paid, skill mix, overtime, labor and supply expense, units of service, capacity utilization and operational practices.
- Standardized executive-level reports targeted to C-suite executives.

Learning and support

- Direct networking opportunities among peers.
- Access to case studies and educational materials that focus on best practices.
- One-on-one support to provide guidance and understanding of the tool.

New ODB capabilities

Data submission services

- Data submission services available to support specific needs.
- Ongoing submission provided on a quarterly or annual basis to facilitate and complete data collection and entry.
- System conversion offers a one-time service for members that have converted their general ledger and/or payroll systems and includes updates for processes in the data collection module.

ODB for Clinical Practice

- Comparative data focusing on provider practice metrics at the cost center and specialty level, including non-provider hours worked and hours paid, skill mix, overtime, labor and supply expense, units of service, capacity utilization, etc.
- Organization and practice level summaries categorized by cost center/location.
- When combined with the Clinical Practice Solutions Center (CPSC), which focuses on the clinical activity of providers, can offer a more complete picture of medical practice performance.

Our goal is to empower your organization to more effectively use comparative operational data to help drive necessary change. We provide the tools and resources to help you focus on the most relevant areas of opportunity.

"The Vizient performance improvement reports are very beneficial in completing the 'leg work' to find which departments have opportunities and viewing the information in a different way."
– Vizient ODB member



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