Hernia prophylaxis options captured in the QC can now include procedures performed solely for prophylaxis (4:1 small bites technique, mesh suture, prophylactic mesh placement) or procedures where a ventral hernia is being repaired and hernia prophylaxis methods are being used. To capture hernia prophylaxis without a concurrent ventral hernia being repaired, you would first indicate that the procedure was being performed in an asymptomatic patient:

Hernia Prophylaxis Data Collection Modules:

Then, simply select one of the two hernia prophylaxis options (or both):

For incisional hernia prophylaxis, select this in the Abdominal Core Surgery Procedure Category:

This will enable the following specific questions you can complete to indicate what was done for incisional hernia prophylaxis. Note again, if you also repaired a ventral hernia, this should be indicated in the Abdominal Core Surgery Procedure Category and the appropriate items answered.
For parastomal hernia prophylaxis, select this in the Abdominal Core Surgery Procedure Category:

Next, the parastomal prophylaxis questions will be enabled that should be completed:

A common scenario for selecting both a ventral hernia repair and prophylaxis option would be a parastomal hernia repair where the stoma was being re-sited at a new site through prophylactic mesh. Here, you would select both performance of the parastomal hernia repair and the procedure for hernia prophylaxis: parastomal as shown below. Generally speaking, you indicate the procedure(s) performed in the Abdominal Core Surgery Procedure Category and simply complete the questions each selection enables:

We are excited to release these enhancements to QC data collection. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact aileen@achqc.org.

DID YOU KNOW? You can easily enter data directly from your phone into the QC. On your phone, just go to achqc.org and click ‘login.’ The website automatically adapts to your phone screen for easy entry of data.