Cardiovascular Endorsement Maintenance Pre-voting Webinar

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Webinar Goals

New process in NQF’s CDP:

– Provides opportunity for clarification prior to voting;

– Provides information about requirements of developers and Steering Committees:
  • Measure submission requirements
  • Maintenance of endorsed measures
  • Endorsement of new measures
  • Harmonization / Competing Measures
Cardiovascular Project

The project has:

- evaluated 26 newly submitted measures and provided maintenance of 31 cardiovascular measures endorsed prior to June 2008*;

- evaluated measures in the following areas;
  - CAD, AMI, and PCI, including treatments, diagnostic studies, interventions, or procedures associated with these conditions;
  - hypertension, heart failure, atrial fibrillation, and other heart disease and treatments, diagnostic studies, interventions, or procedures associated with these conditions.

*Measures endorsed by NQF after June 2008 will be evaluated in a later project.
Project Status

- 45 –day member and public comment period closed on August 19
- 215 comments have been addressed by developers and Steering Committee
- Voting opens October 5\(^{th}\) - 20\(^{th}\) with 39 measures recommended for endorsement

- Draft report and comment table available on the project page
NQF process

• Measure evaluation criteria
  – No measures eligible for TLE – testing data for reliability and validity required
  – Opportunity for improvement/“topped out” measures – Reserve Status created
  – Used new guidance for related/competing measures; struggled with “best in class”
  – Harmonization
  – Outcome measures – recent revisions to AMI and HF mortality and HF readmission measures
Committee Overarching Issues

- Disparities
- Measures demonstrating very high current performance
- Conflicting guidelines
- Composite measures
- Related and competing measures
- Harmonization
- Outcomes measures – recent revisions
- Gaps in NQF’s cardiovascular portfolio
Comments

• 215 comments received from 23 organizations/individuals

• Themes
  – Topped out measures
  – Measures not recommended
  – Assessment measures
  – Competing measures
  – Composite measures
  – Mortality measures

• Steering Committee deliberations

• Developer actions
Recommendations

Changes based on comments:
  – 2 additional measures in Reserve Status
  – Measure 0070- Committee reconsidered recommendation

Of 57 measures evaluated:
  – 38 39 measures are recommended for new or continued endorsement:
    • continued endorsement of 34 32 measures;
    • endorsement of 7 new measures;
    • placement of 2 4 measures in Reserve Status.