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National Consensus Standards for All-Cause Admissions and Readmissions

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Introductions and Disclosures of Interest

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***Bold = new members**

Portfolio Review

Admissions and Readmissions Project

- This project will evaluate measures related to Admissions and Readmissions that can be used for accountability and public reporting for all populations and in all settings of care. This project will address topic areas including:
 - *All-Cause and condition specific admission measures*
 - *Condition-specific readmissions measures*
- NQF currently has more than 48 endorsed admissions and readmissions measures.

Measures Under Review

Measure Number	Measure Title
Cardiovascular Condition-Specific Hospital Readmission Measures	
2515	Hospital 30-day, all-cause, unplanned, risk-standardized readmission rate (RSRR) following coronary artery bypass graft (CABG) surgery
Cancer-Specific Hospital Readmission Measures	
3188	30-Day Unplanned Readmissions for Cancer Patients

Overview of Evaluation Process

Standing Committee Responsibilities

Oversee NQF's Admissions and Readmissions Portfolio of Measures:

- Provide input on the relevant measurement framework(s)
- Know which measures are included in the portfolio and understand their importance to the portfolio
- Consider issues of measure standardization and parsimony when assessing the portfolio
- Identify measurement gaps in the portfolio
- Become aware of other NQF measurement activities for the topic area(s)
- Be open to external input on the portfolio
- Provide feedback about how the portfolio should evolve
- Consider the portfolio when evaluating individual measures

Measure Discussion and Voting

- Brief introduction by developer (2-3 minutes)
- Lead discussants will begin Committee discussion for each criterion:
 - *Providing a brief summary of the pre-meeting evaluation comments and/or Workgroup discussion*
 - *Emphasizing areas of concern or differences of opinion*
 - *Noting, if needed, the preliminary rating by NQF*
 - » This rating is intended to be used as a guide to facilitate the Committee's discussion and evaluation
- Developers will be available to respond to questions
- Full Committee will discuss, then vote on the criterion, if needed, before moving on to the next criterion

Overview on Voting

- Voting is by criterion in the order presented on the Measure Worksheet
 - *Evidence (must pass)*
 - *Performance Gap (must pass)*
 - *Reliability (must pass)*
 - *Validity (must pass)*
 - *Usability and Use*
 - *Feasibility*
 - *Overall Suitability for Endorsement*
- If a measure fails on one of the must-pass criteria, there is no further discussion or voting on the subsequent criteria for that measure; we move to the next measure.

Voting During Today's Meeting

- An email was sent to you from Shawnn Bittorie at CommPartners with an individual link
- Please use this link to log into the web meeting today
 - *If you did not use your individual link to login today, please exit and log back in using your individual link. You will not be able to vote during the meeting if you do not use this link.*
- During the measure discussions, we will be voting on the criteria reviewed on the previous slide
- You will be able to make a selection directly within the slide presentation. Votes will be displayed in real time.
- If you have difficulty voting at any time during the presentation, please alert staff verbally or through the chat box.

Achieving Consensus

- **Quorum: 66% of the Committee**
 - *To be recommended, measures must have greater than 60% of the Committee Yes (high + moderate)*
- **40%-60%: Consensus Not Reached (CNR) status**
 - *CNR measures move forward to comment and the Committee will revote*
- **Less than 40%: Not Recommended**

Consideration of Candidate Measures

NQF #3188: 30-Day Unplanned Readmissions for Cancer Patients

■ Measure Steward:

- *Seattle Cancer Care Alliance*

■ Measure Developer:

- *Alliance of Dedicated Cancer Centers*
- *Developer Representatives:*
 - » Tracy Spinks
 - » Barb Jagels

■ Lead Discussants:

- *Bruce Hall*
- *Leslie Kelly Hall*
- *JoAnn Brooks*

■ Measure Description:

- *30-Day Unplanned Readmissions for Cancer Patients measure is a cancer-specific measure. It provides the rate at which all adult cancer patients covered as Fee-for-Service Medicare beneficiaries have an unplanned readmission within 30 days of discharge from an acute care hospital. The unplanned readmission is defined as a subsequent inpatient admission to a short-term acute care hospital, which occurs within 30 days of the discharge date of an eligible index admission and has an admission type of “emergency” or “urgent.”*

NQF #2515: Hospital 30-day, all-cause, unplanned, risk-standardized readmission rate (RSRR) following coronary artery bypass graft (CABG) surgery

■ Measure Steward:

- *Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services*

■ Measure Developer:

- *Yale/Center for Outcomes Research and Evaluation (Yale/CORE)*
- *Developer Representatives:*
 - » Karen Dorsey
 - » Jackie Grady
 - » Susannah Bernheim

■ Lead Discussants:

- *Paul Heidenreich*
- *Karen Joynt*

■ Measure Description:

- *The measure estimates a hospital-level risk-standardized readmission rate (RSRR), defined as unplanned readmission for any cause within 30 days from the date of discharge of the index CABG procedure, for patients 18 years and older discharged from the hospital after undergoing a qualifying isolated CABG procedure. The measure was developed using Medicare Fee-for-Service (FFS) patients 65 years and older and was tested in all-payer patients 18 years and older. An index admission is the hospitalization for a qualifying isolated CABG procedure considered for the readmission outcome.*

NQF Member and Public Comment

Next Steps/Upcoming Dates

Meeting	Date/Time
Post-Meeting Follow-Up Call	March 6, 2017
Public and Member Comment	April 5 – May 4, 2017
Post-Comment Call	May 16, 2017
Member Vote	June 5 – 19, 2017
CSAC In-Person Meeting	July 11 – 12, 2017
Appeals	July 14 – August 14, 2017
Publish Final Report – Project Close	September 26, 2017

Project Contact Info

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