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# National Consensus Standards for All-Cause Admissions and Readmissions

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# Measures Under Review

Measure Number	Measure Title
<b>Cardiovascular Condition-Specific Hospital Readmission Measures</b>	
2515	Hospital 30-day, all-cause, unplanned, risk-standardized readmission rate (RSRR) following coronary artery bypass graft (CABG) surgery

# Overview of Evaluation Process

# 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
- 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 #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
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

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