

Cancer Endorsement Maintenance Phase I

Voting Webinar



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Webinar Goals

- Provides opportunity for clarification and questions prior to voting, including reviewing:
 - Project scope
 - Measures recommended for endorsement
 - Overarching issues
 - Summary of comments and responses

Project Scope

- 44 measures will be reviewed in the project over two phases
 - The measures address the following topic areas:

Phase 1:

- Hematology
- Melanoma
- Prostate cancer
- Palliative care for cancer patients at the end of life
- Medical and radiation oncology
- Lung cancer

Phase 2:

- Colorectal cancer
- Breast cancer

Measures Recommended-Phase 1

	MAINTENANCE	NEW	TOTAL
Measures under consideration	23	4*	27
Withdrawn from consideration	1	0	1
Recommended	18	4	22
Not recommended	4	0	4
Reasons for Not Recommending	Importance - 3 Scientific Acceptability - 1	N/A	

*Includes 2 untested measures eligible for [time-limited endorsement](#).

Comments

- Phase 1:
 - There were 109 comments received on the phase 1 draft report from 14 member organizations.

- Comment themes:
 - The comments overall were largely supportive of the Steering Committee recommendations for endorsement.
 - Concern regarding the clarity and burden of measures 0383 and 0384 (Oncology Pain measures)
 - Request for reconsideration of measure 0562: Overutilization of Imaging Studies in Melanoma
 - Concern regarding the understandability and usability of the Palliative Measures (0210-0216)
 - Request for reconsideration of measure 0212: Proportion with more than one hospitalization in the last 30 days of life

Impact of Comments

- Measures 0383 and 0384
 - Recommendations for elimination of patients with mild pain from the denominator in future updates of the measures.
- Reconsideration of measure 0562
 - Reversal of initial recommendation that the measure not be endorsed.
- Palliative measures (0210-0216)
 - Reaffirmation of the intent of the measures, which is to demonstrate variation in practice, not set a threshold for the interventions to never occur.
- Reconsideration of measure 0212
 - Reaffirmation of the Steering Committee's recommendation that the measure not be endorsed.



Questions??