



Cardiovascular Standing Committee Measure Evaluation Web Meeting

The National Quality Forum (NQF) convened a public web meeting for the Cardiovascular Standing Committee on June 22, 2018.

Welcome, Introductions, and Review of Meeting Objectives

NQF welcomed the Standing Committee and participants to the web meeting. NQF staff reviewed the meeting objectives. Committee members each introduced themselves and disclosed any conflicts of interest.

Topic Area Introduction and Overview of Evaluation Process

NQF staff provided an overview of the topic area and the current NQF portfolio of endorsed measures. There are currently approximately 50 measures in the Cardiovascular portfolio. Additionally, NQF reviewed the Consensus Development Process (CDP) and the measure evaluation criteria.

Measure Evaluation

During the meeting, the Cardiovascular Standing Committee evaluated one measure undergoing maintenance review. Prior to the web meeting, one maintenance measure was withdrawn from consideration by the measure developer.

A summary of the Committee deliberations will be compiled and provided in the draft technical report. NQF will post the draft technical report on July 31, 2018 for public comment on the NQF website. The draft technical report will be posted for 30 calendar days.

Measure Evaluation Criteria Rating Key: H – High; M – Medium; L – Low; I – Insufficient

0535 30-Day All-Cause Risk-Standardized Mortality Rate Following Percutaneous Coronary Intervention (PCI) for Patients Without ST Segment Elevation Myocardial Infarction (STEMI) and Without Cardiogenic Shock (American College of Cardiology)

Measure Steward/Developer Representatives at the Meeting

Sana Gokak, Esteban Perla, Karl Minges and Mike Simanowith

Standing Committee Votes

- Evidence: Accepted Prior Evaluation
- Performance Gap: H-0; M-14; L-3; I-0
- Reliability: Accepted Prior Evaluation
- Validity: Accepted Prior Evaluation
- Feasibility: H-1; M-14; L-0; I-0
- Use: Pass-14; No Pass-1
- Usability: H-0; M-13; L-2; I-0

Standing Committee Recommendation for Endorsement: Yes-15; No-0

The Standing Committee recommended the measure for continued endorsement. The Standing Committee found no concerns on the methodological soundness of this measure, which met current NQF criteria. However, the Committee discussed concerns regarding performance gap information, feasibility, use, and usability. The timeliness of obtaining the National Death Index (NDI) data to calculate mortality was of concern for performance gap and feasibility. The Committee, however, recognized the time lapse needed to obtain and analyze the NDI data. In addition, similar to NQF #0536 *30-Day All-cause Risk-Standardized Mortality Rate following Percutaneous Coronary Intervention (PCI) for Patients with ST Segment Elevation Myocardial Infarction (STEMI) or Cardiogenic Shock*, stewardship of this measure transitioned to the American College of Cardiology (ACC) in 2014, and ACC had limited control over the public use of the measure until then. ACC has made a substantial effort to ensure this measure will be publicly reported, as well as used in an accountability program. Due to the developer's noted efforts, the Committee voted to pass this measure on use, even though the measure has not been publicly reported, or used in an accountability program within six years since its initial endorsement. Lastly, the Committee noted the possible unintended consequence of case avoidance between states with and without public reporting, as well as suboptimal measure performance due to possible changes in the risk-adjustment schema based on the data. However, the Committee acknowledged that these are speculative given that the measure is not yet in use.

Public Comment

No public comments were received during the pre-measure evaluation meeting period: May 1, 2018 to June 12, 2018. No public or NQF member comments were received during the measure evaluation web meeting on June 22, 2018.

Next Steps

NQF will post the draft technical report on July 31, 2018 for public comment for 30 calendar days. The continuous public comment with member support will close on August 29, 2018. NQF will re-convene the Standing Committee for the post-comment web meeting on September 13, 2018.