

NATIONAL QUALITY FORUM

CONFERENCE CALL FOR THE COMMON FORMATS EXPERT PANEL

September 9, 2011

Panel Members Present: David Classen, MD, MS (Co-Chair); Henry Johnson, MD, MPH (Co-Chair); Debra Bakerjian, PhD, RN, FNP; John Clarke MD; Helen Lau, RN, MHROD, BSN; Arthur Levin, MPH; Scott MacLean, MBA; Lori Paine, RN, MS; Shannon Phillips, MD, MPH; Nancy Ridley, MS; Heather Sherman, PhD; William Munier, MD, MBA (Liaison Member)

NQF Staff Present: Melinda Murphy, RN, MS; Lindsey Tighe, MS

Others Present: Amy Helwig, Peter Goldschmidt, John Moquin, Susan Terrillion, Ira Yanowitz (AHRQ)

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Drs. Classen and Johnson welcomed the Expert Panel members and thanked them for their participation on the call. Dr. Classen informed the group that Dr. Helwig would provide the Expert Panel with an update on the Common Formats for Hospitals and SNF.

COMMON FORMATS UPDATE

Dr. Helwig stated that AHRQ continues to work on the Hospital Common Formats, and that they will be released as Version 2.0 in mid-2012. At this time, Common Formats for Skilled Nursing Facilities will be released as Nursing Facilities Version 1.0, thus broadening applicability. Both sets will include full technical specifications. Future releases are expected to occur no more often than annually and, absent compelling reasons, may be on a two-year cycle in consideration of the costs and effort associated with integrating updates into institution, PSO, and software systems.

The Venous Thromboembolism (VTE) module continues to be refined; AHRQ staff is awaiting a meeting with Centers for Disease Control (CDC) experts to review the module. AHRQ expects to release the VTE module in mid-October. Once it is released, NQF will opening a commenting tool to receive comments on the module for 30 days. Dr. Helwig noted that the module will be incorporated into both the hospital and nursing facility Common Formats for the mid-2012 release.

In response to an Expert Panel member's question, Dr. Helwig stated that the events and definitions used in the NQF Serious Reportable Events - 2011 Update will be incorporated into the Common Formats once the Serious Reportable Events are finalized.

REVIEW OF IN-PERSON MEETING SUMMARY

The Expert Panel voted to approve the meeting summary and recommendations from the August 1-2, 2011 meeting, with one clarification. With respect to a comment received about the PIF and recording a principal diagnosis when reporting an event that occurred in a Nursing Facility, the Expert Panel asked that the recommendation include language that users can record relevant diagnostic information in the narrative sections of the HERF or SIR.

REVIEW OF GROUP B RECOMMENDATIONS

Dr. Clarke led the Expert Panel through the recommendations made by Group B, which can be found in the attached spreadsheet. The Expert Panel approved all of the recommendations.

NQF MEMBER AND PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments were offered.

NEXT STEPS

The call scheduled for October has been canceled. The Expert Panel will next meet by conference call in November 2011.