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Welcome



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Agenda

- Attendance
- Review and Discuss Public Comments
- NQF Member and Public Comment
- Next Steps
- Adjourn

Attendance

Geriatrics & Palliative Care Fall 2020 Standing Committee

- Sean Morrison, MD (co-chair)
- Deborah Waldrop, PhD, LMSW, ACSW (co-chair)
- Sree Batt, MD
- Samira Beckwith, LCSW, FACHE, LHD
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Review and Discuss Public Comments



0326: Advance Care Plan

- **Measure Steward:** National Committee for Quality Assurance
 - ▣ Maintenance
- **Brief Description of Measure:**
 - ▣ Percentage of patients aged 65 years and older who have an advance care plan or surrogate decision maker documented in the medical record or documentation in the medical record that an advance care plan was discussed but the patient did not wish or was not able to name a surrogate decision maker or provide an advance care plan.
- **Summary of Comments Received:** 3 comments received
 - ▣ Encouraged stratifying by race/ethnicity due to disparities
 - ▣ Concerns around "check-box" advance care planning
 - ▣ Concerns around "surrogate" legal authority to make decisions around a person's care



0209: Comfortable Dying: Pain Brought to a Comfortable Level Within 48 hours of Initial Assessment

- **Measure Steward:** National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization
 - ▣ Maintenance
- **Brief Description of Measure:**
 - ▣ Percentage of patients who report being uncomfortable because of pain at the initial assessment who, at the follow up assessment, report pain was brought to a comfortable level within 48 hours.
- **Summary of Comments Received:** 1 comment received
 - ▣ The developer submitted information for the Committee to consider as it relates to performance gap.

NQF Member and Public Comment

Next Steps

Activities and Timeline – Fall 2020 Cycle

*All times ET

Meeting	Date, Time
CSAC Review	June 29 (9:00 AM – 5:00 PM ET) June 30 (9:00 AM – Noon ET)
Appeals Period (30 days)	July 7 – August 5



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