



April 22, 2013

NQF Board of Directors
National Quality Forum
1030 15th Street NW
Suite 800
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Directors:

On behalf of the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI), I am writing in regards to Infectious Diseases #0500, Severe Sepsis and Septic Shock: Early Management Bundle (#0500).

It is my understanding that the Society of Critical Care Medicine (SCCM) and co-signatories have submitted a letter to NQF concerning an appeal raised by seven co-signatories. IHI agrees with SCCM that #0500 is an important bundle that will improve the care and outcomes of patients who develop severe sepsis. Consequently, IHI is pleased to join SCCM, its cosignatories, and other individuals and stakeholders in lending its support of #0500.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Don A. Goldmann', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

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