

NATIONAL QUALITY FORUM

Moderator: Reva Winkler
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4:00 p.m. ET

Female: Hi, everyone, good afternoon. This is the Infectious Disease Endorsement Maintenance 2012 Addendum Report Pre-Voting Webinar. We can go ahead and get started.

The goals of this Webinar are to present the project scope. We'll be going over the measures that were recommended for endorsement and some of the overarching issues our committee identified, and finally, we'll be looking at the comments received and actions taken by the steering committee to address those comments.

We had a total of 34 measures, 29 were maintenance and five were new submissions. The measures address the following topic areas – acute bronchitis, central line infections, hepatitis C, HIV/AIDS, severe sepsis and septic shock, upper respiratory infection and ventilation.

Public and member comments – close on November 20th. All comments were addressed by the steering committee, and they met via conference call to address the comments and respond to any outstanding issue. The voting period opened yesterday with two measures recommended for endorsement and you can read more about the measures in our draft report and read the comment table, both of which are available on our project page.

This is a matrix of the measures that were recommended. We had again a total of 34 measures in this project. Of those 34, seven were withdrawn by the developer. Of the remaining measures, 16 were recommended. Of the 11

measures that failed to move forward, six failed on the importance criteria, four on scientific acceptability and one failed the overall vote.

Some of the overarching issues we identified in this project, the committee decided to reconsider measures 393 - testing for chronic hepatitis C, confirmation of hepatitis C viremia due to the comments received on the additional evidence and data that was provided to the committee to support the measure focus.

The second measure that was evaluated in the addendum report 0500 - severe sepsis and septic shock with pending final recommendation from the steering committee to allow the committee to review additional information on the measures where liability testing that was not available for the – for review at the time of the in-person meeting.

(Inaudible) comment period, 11 comment were received and can be summed up into three (themes). The first is general support for the sepsis measure. Second concerns with the reliability, validity and feasibility of the sepsis measure, and third disagreement with the hepatitis C measure not being recommended. Comments were responded to by measure developers and the steering committee and again that is available on our Web site.

Going over the impact of the comments for 0500, the committee concluded that the use of the bundle with specified – as specified with (CVP) demonstrated reduction in mortality. They want significant discussion on the post-comment call regarding the reliability of triage being time zero for E.D. patient and the impact of the E.D. length of stay. The committee reconsidered their evaluation of reliability and determined that it met the criteria at moderate to high.

The committee members also discussed the data collection burden for the input of multiple data points and the time stamps and (weighted) the feasibility of the measure as moderate. After review of the comments, the committee agreed to reevaluate the measure criteria and recommend the measure for endorsement. The committee, again, determine that the measure

met NQF criteria and recommended the measure with 11 voting yes and three voting no.

For 0393, the committee agreed that the comments had merit and reconsidered the measure on the December 5th call. The committee decided to recommend the measure for continued endorsement and that vote was also 13 yes and zero no.

For next step, NQF member voting will end on Thursday, January 3, 2013 at 6 pm Eastern. Voting results will then be forwarded to our CSAC for discussion on the January 8th CSAC Meeting.

Female: And Dr. Brotman or Septimus, would you like to add to anything before we open the call for public and member comment?

Edward Septimus: I think that sums up our discussion, Steve?

Steven Brotman: Yes, I think that – that's a good summary of where we are at this point.

Female: OK, (Amy), can we go to public member comment and when you – could you please announce yourself if you have a comment and where you from.

Operator: At this time, if you would like to ask a question or have a comment, please press star one on your telephone keypad.

There are no public comments or questions at this time.

Female: OK, once again, if there are any comments, we would like to hear them. If not, this call will be ending. So, we'll give everyone one more opportunity to make a comment.

Operator: Again...

Edward Septimus: This is Ed; my only comment is to have – make sure everyone has a joyous and safe holiday season.

Steven Brotman: And the same here. Thank you all for your help.

Edward Septimus: Incredible help.

Female: Oh, thank you.

Female: All right.

Male: Yes, same here.

Female: With that being said, then we can go ahead and end the call.

So, everyone...

Male: OK.

Female: ... have a great holiday.

Male: Happy holiday everyone. Thank you.

Male: Bye-bye.

Female: Thank you.

Male: Bye-bye.

Female: Bye-bye.

Operator: This concludes today's conference call. You may now disconnect.

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