

**Infectious Disease
Endorsement Maintenance
2012- Addendum Report**

Pre-Voting Webinar

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Webinar Goals

Provides opportunity for clarification prior to voting:

- Project Scope
- Measures Recommended for Endorsement
- Overarching Issues
- Comments Received/Actions Taken

Project Scope

- 29 maintenance measures and 5 newly submitted measures were reviewed
- 2 measures were evaluated in the Addendum Report
 - 0393: Testing for chronic hepatitis C – Confirmation of hepatitis C viremia
 - 0500: Severe sepsis and septic shock: Management bundle
- The measures address the following topic areas:
 - » Acute bronchitis
 - » Central line
 - » Hepatitis C
 - » HIV/AIDS
 - » Severe sepsis and septic shock
 - » Upper respiratory infection
 - » Ventilation

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Project Status

- Member and public comment period closed on November 20.
- All comments were addressed by the Steering Committee and developers had an opportunity to respond to comments on their measures
- Voting opened Wednesday, December 19, 2012 with 2 measures recommended for endorsement
- **Draft report and comment table available on the [project page](#)**

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Measures Recommended

	MAINTENANCE	NEW	TOTAL
Measures under Consideration	29	5	34
Measures Withdrawn from Consideration	7	0	7
Measures Recommended	12	4	16
Measures Still Under Consideration	0	0	0
Measures not Recommended	10	1	11
Reasons for not Recommending	Importance – 5 Scientific Acceptability – 4 Overall – 1	Importance-1	

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Overarching Issues

- The Committee decided to reconsider measure **393: Testing for chronic hepatitis C – Confirmation of hepatitis C viremia** due to the comments received and additional evidence and data was recently released to support the measure focus.
- The second measure evaluated in the Addendum report, **0500: Severe sepsis and septic shock: Management bundle**, was pending final recommendation from the Steering Committee to allow the Committee to review additional information on the measure’s reliability testing that was not available for review at the time of the in-person meeting.

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Comments Received

- 11 comments received from 7 organizations
- Major Themes:
 - » General support for the sepsis measure
 - » Concerns with the reliability, validity and feasibility of the sepsis measure
 - » Disagreement with the hepatitis C measure not being recommended
- Comment responses from measure developers and Steering Committee

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Impact of Comments

0500: Severe sepsis and septic shock: Management bundle

- The Committee concluded that use of the bundle as specified with CVP demonstrated reduction in mortality.
- There was significant discussion on the post-comment call regarding the reliability of triage being time zero for Emergency Department (ED) patients and the impact of the ED length-of-stay. The Committee reconsidered their evaluation of reliability and determined it meets the criteria at moderate to high.
- Committee members discussed the data collection burden for the input of multiple data points and the timestamps and rated feasibility as moderate.
- *After review of the comments, the Committee agreed to re-evaluate the measure criteria and recommendation for endorsement. The Committee again determined that the measure meets NQF's criteria and recommended the measure for endorsement.*

0393: Testing for Chronic Hepatitis C- confirmation of Hep C Viremia

- The Committee agreed that the comments had merit and reconsidered the measure on the December 5 call. The Committee decided to recommend the measure for continued endorsement.

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Next Steps

- NQF Member voting will end on Thursday, January 3, 2013 at 6pm ET
- Voting results will be forwarded to CSAC for discussion on the January 8, 2013

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Questions?