

## **NQF Upholds Endorsement of Severe Sepsis and Septic Shock Composite Measure**

The NQF Board of Directors voted on June 13 to uphold its initial decision to endorse *measure #0500 severe sepsis and septic shock composite measure* developed by Henry Ford Hospital. The Board's decision to endorse this measure was challenged through NQF's official appeal process.

The [appeal letter](#) was submitted by the American College of Chest Physicians, the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses, the Greater New York Hospital Association, the Midwest Critical Care Collaborative, the National Association for Medical Direction of Respiratory Care, the Society for Academic Emergency Medicine, and the Society of Hospital Medicine.

A [letter of support](#) for the measure was submitted by the Society of Critical Care Medicine, the Infectious Diseases Society of America, Cooper University Hospital, the European Society of Intensive Care Medicine, Henry Ford Health System, Kaiser Permanente, North Shore LIJ Health System, Sutter Health and the Institute for Healthcare Improvement.

The Board has decided to uphold endorsement for measure 0500 with the clarification that hospital transfers are excluded. NQF is committed to performing an ad hoc review on the measures when evidence on non-invasive monitoring becomes available. NQF staff will update the Board on emerging evidence within one year of June 13, 2013.