

# Patient Safety Measures

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## The webinar

- Provides opportunity for clarification on voting
- Provides information about requirements of developers and Steering Committees:
  - Measure submission requirements
  - Endorsement of new measures
  - Harmonization

The project has:

- reviewed patient safety measures to fill gap areas and address environment specific issues
- conducted in two phases:
  - Phase I Report– HAI measures
  - Phase II Report– Radiation dosing, colonoscopy processing, medication safety and querying and counseling on side-effects
  - Two radiation dosing measures moving through Appeals

- Phase I report initially presented for comment in November 2010
  - Several requests from NQF Members/ public to harmonize the two SSI measures
  - ACS and CDC agreed to work together towards harmonization
  - NQF delayed report to allow time for harmonization process

- Harmonized SSI Measure: PSM-002-10:
  - American College of Surgeons
  - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (ACS-CDC)  
Harmonized Procedure Specific Surgical Site Infection (SSI) Outcome Measure
- First step in ACS-CDC harmonization efforts focuses on colon surgeries and abdominal hysterectomies

- NQF definition of Harmonization:
  - same measure focus (e.g., influenza immunization of patients in hospitals or nursing homes),
  - related measures for the same target population (e.g., eye exam and HbA1c for patients with diabetes),
  - definitions applicable to many measures (e.g., age designation for children) so that they are uniform or compatible, unless differences are justified (e.g., dictated by the evidence).
  - The dimensions of harmonization can include numerator, denominator, exclusions, calculation, and data source and collection instructions.
  - The extent of harmonization depends on the relationship of the measures, the evidence for the specific measure focus, and differences in data sources.

- Supplemental comment period to review 3 measures from August 31- September 14, 2011
- Harmonized SSI measure PSM-002-10
- CDC expanded measure settings for measures PSM-001-10 (CLABSI) and PSM-003-10 (CAUTI)

# Phase I Report Project Status

- Initial and supplemental comments have been addressed by developers and Steering Committee
- Voting on the first report opened on October 13<sup>th</sup> with 4 measures recommended for endorsement
- Draft report and comment table available on the [project page](#)



## Endorsement recommendations

- CLABSI - PSM-001-10:
  - National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) Central line-associated bloodstream infection (CLABSI) outcome measure (CDC)
- SSI - PSM-002-10:
  - American College of Surgeons
  - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- Urinary Tract Infections
  - CAUTI - PSM-003-10: National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) catheter-associated urinary tract infection (CAUTI) Outcome (CDC)
  - PSM-007-10: Risk adjusted urinary tract infection outcome measure (ACS)

- 50 comments received from 22 organizations/ individuals
- Themes
  - Data collection burden
  - SSI harmonization concerns
  - Adequacy of testing results
  - Applicability to pediatric populations
  - Appropriateness of SIR methodology
  - Potential exclusions
- Steering Committee deliberations
- Developer actions

- Changes to the measures
- Initial Comment:
  - 2 SSI measures harmonized
  - CLABSI and CAUTI measures expanded settings
- Supplemental Comment:
  - Addition to the draft report that the Steering Committee had concerns about the rapid implementation of the CLABSI and CAUTI measures beyond the ICU and supported an incremental approach