

NATIONAL QUALITY FORUM

CONFERENCE CALL FOR THE PATIENT SAFETY COMPLICATIONS PROJECT: WORKGROUP B

December 9, 2011

Workgroup Members Present: Jason Adelman, MD, MS; Janet Nagamine, MD, BSN; Edward Septimus, MD; Mary Sieggreen, MSN, APRN; Saul Weigart, MD, PhD, MPP; Richard White, MD

NQF Staff Present: Helen Burstin, MD, MPH; Akin Demehin, MPH; Tsuyoshi Inokuchi, MD; Andrew Lyzenga, MPP; Jessica Weber, MPH

Others Present: John Bott; Jay Schuur; Ann Watt; Dainsworth Chambers; Emily Graham; Scott Grosse; Daniel Pollock; Arjun Vekatesh

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Lyzenga welcomed Workgroup B to the conference call and explained the conference call goals:

- to create a shared understanding of the measures and a comfort level with the presentation of the measures at the Steering Committee meeting,
- to allow each group to review the full set of preliminary ratings and comments related to the measures, and
- to discuss any key issues or themes that emerged during the evaluation.

PROJECT UPDATE

The list of National Quality Forum (NQF) materials sent to the workgroup was reviewed, including the logistics memo, in preparation for the in-person Steering Committee meeting December 15-16, 2011. The group was advised that while measure stewards were invited to the call, they were not expected to address questions until the Steering Committee meeting, at which time their experts would be available to respond to the Steering Committee.

EVALUATION OF WORKGROUP B MEASURES

The group reviewed their preliminary ratings of the following assigned measures. They discussed both the ratings and the related comments.

- **0371:** Venous Thromboembolism Prophylaxis (*maintenance measure*)
- **0372:** Intensive Care Unit Venous Thromboembolism Prophylaxis (*maintenance measure*)
- **0373:** Venous Thromboembolism Patients with Anticoagulant Overlap Therapy (*maintenance measure*)
- **0374:** Venous Thromboembolism Patients Receiving Unfractionated Heparin with Dosages/Platelet Count Monitoring by Protocol or Nomogram (*maintenance measure*)
- **0375:** Venous Thromboembolism Warfarin Therapy Discharge Instructions (*maintenance measure*)
- **0376:** Incidence of Potentially Preventable Venous Thromboembolism (*maintenance measure*)
- **0450:** Postoperative Pulmonary Embolism or Deep Vein Thrombosis Rate (PSI 12) (*maintenance measure*)
- **0503:** Anticoagulation for acute pulmonary embolus patients (*maintenance measure*)

MEMBER AND PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no member or public comment.

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NEXT STEPS

Mr. Lyzenga provided information about the role of the group members as lead discussants at the Steering Committee meeting on December 15-16. He described the meeting process and noted the measures from Phase I would be voted on for endorsement.