

# NATIONAL QUALITY FORUM

## National Voluntary Consensus Standards for Pediatric Cardiac Surgery

### SAMPLE BALLOT

#### MEASURE-BY-MEASURE

- PCS-001-09 **Participation in a national database for pediatric and congenital heart surgery**  
\_\_\_\_ I approve the measure as currently specified.  
\_\_\_\_ I disapprove the measure as currently specified or for other reasons.  
\_\_\_\_ (Note: At your option, you may wish to consider additional explanation in an accompanying letter.)  
\_\_\_\_ I abstain from voting on this measure.
- PCS-002-09 **Multidisciplinary conference to plan pediatric and congenital heart surgery cases**  
\_\_\_\_ I approve the measure as currently specified.  
\_\_\_\_ I disapprove the measure as currently specified or for other reasons.  
\_\_\_\_ (Note: At your option, you may wish to consider additional explanation in an accompanying letter.)  
\_\_\_\_ I abstain from voting on this measure.
- PCS-003-09 **Multidisciplinary rounds involving multiple members of the healthcare team**  
\_\_\_\_ I approve the measure as currently specified.  
\_\_\_\_ I disapprove the measure as currently specified or for other reasons.  
\_\_\_\_ (Note: At your option, you may wish to consider additional explanation in an accompanying letter.)  
\_\_\_\_ I abstain from voting on this measure.
- PCS-004-09 **Regularly scheduled quality assurance and quality improvement cardiac care conference**  
\_\_\_\_ I approve the measure as currently specified.  
\_\_\_\_ I disapprove the measure as currently specified or for other reasons.  
\_\_\_\_ (Note: At your option, you may wish to consider additional explanation in an accompanying letter.)  
\_\_\_\_ I abstain from voting on this measure.
- PCS-005-09 **Availability of intraoperative transesophageal echocardiography (TEE)**  
\_\_\_\_ I approve the measure as currently specified.  
\_\_\_\_ I disapprove the measure as currently specified or for other reasons.  
\_\_\_\_ (Note: At your option, you may wish to consider additional explanation in an accompanying letter.)  
\_\_\_\_ I abstain from voting on this measure.
- PCS-006-09 **Availability of Institutional Pediatric ECLS (Extracorporeal Life Support) Program**  
\_\_\_\_ I approve the measure as currently specified.  
\_\_\_\_ I disapprove the measure as currently specified or for other reasons.  
\_\_\_\_ (Note: At your option, you may wish to consider additional explanation in an accompanying letter.)  
\_\_\_\_ I abstain from voting on this measure.
- PCS-007-09 **Surgical Volume for Pediatric and Congenital Heart Surgery**  
\_\_\_\_ I approve the measure as currently specified.  
\_\_\_\_ I disapprove the measure as currently specified or for other reasons.  
\_\_\_\_ (Note: At your option, you may wish to consider additional explanation in an accompanying letter.)

- \_\_\_\_\_ I abstain from voting on this measure.
- PCS-008-09 Surgical Volume for Pediatric and Congenital Heart Surgery, Stratified by the Five STS-EACTS Mortality Levels**
- \_\_\_\_\_ I approve the measure as currently specified.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ I disapprove the measure as currently specified or for other reasons.  
 (Note: At your option, you may wish to consider additional explanation in an accompanying letter.)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ I abstain from voting on this measure.
- PCS-010-09 Timing of Antibiotic Administration for Pediatric and Congenital Cardiac Surgery Patients**
- \_\_\_\_\_ I approve the measure as currently specified.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ I disapprove the measure as currently specified or for other reasons.  
 (Note: At your option, you may wish to consider additional explanation in an accompanying letter.)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ I abstain from voting on this measure.
- PCS-011-09 Selection of Appropriate Prophylactic Antibiotics and Weight-Appropriate Dosage for Pediatric and Congenital Cardiac Surgery Patients**
- \_\_\_\_\_ I approve the measure as currently specified.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ I disapprove the measure as currently specified or for other reasons.  
 (Note: At your option, you may wish to consider additional explanation in an accompanying letter.)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ I abstain from voting on this measure.
- PCS-012-09 Use of an expanded pre-procedural and post-procedural "time-out"**
- \_\_\_\_\_ I approve the measure as currently specified.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ I disapprove the measure as currently specified or for other reasons.  
 (Note: At your option, you may wish to consider additional explanation in an accompanying letter.)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ I abstain from voting on this measure.
- PCS-018-09 Operative Mortality Stratified by the Five STS-EACTS Mortality Levels**
- \_\_\_\_\_ I approve the measure as currently specified.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ I disapprove the measure as currently specified or for other reasons.  
 (Note: At your option, you may wish to consider additional explanation in an accompanying letter.)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ I abstain from voting on this measure.
- PCS-021-09 Standardized Mortality Ratio for Congenital Heart Surgery, Risk Adjustment for Congenital Heart Surgery (RACHS-1) Adjusted.**
- \_\_\_\_\_ I approve the measure as currently specified.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ I disapprove the measure as currently specified or for other reasons.  
 (Note: At your option, you may wish to consider additional explanation in an accompanying letter.)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ I abstain from voting on this measure.