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Post-Comment Standing Committee Meeting

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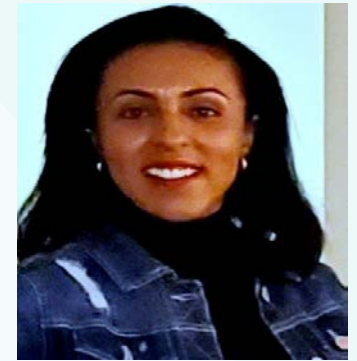
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Agenda

- Attendance
- Review and Discuss Public Comments
- NQF Member and Public Comment
- Next Steps
- Adjourn

Attendance



Renal Spring 2020 Cycle Standing Committee

- Constance Anderson, BSN, MBA (Co-Chair)
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Discussion and Re-vote on Consensus Not Reached (CNR) Measures



2977 Hemodialysis Vascular Access: Standardized Fistula Rate

- **Measure Steward:** University of Michigan Kidney Epidemiology and Cost Center
 - ▣ Maintenance
- **Brief Description of Measure:**
 - ▣ Adjusted percentage of adult hemodialysis patient-months using an autogenous arteriovenous fistula (AVF) as the sole means of vascular access.
- **Criteria where consensus was not reached:** Evidence
 - ▣ The Committee expressed concern that updated guidelines from the National Kidney Foundation's (NKF) Kidney Disease Outcomes Quality Initiative (KDOQI) downgraded the evidence to support the measure to expert opinion.
 - ▣ Some members concerned the measure may effectively be “topped out” at 64%
 - ▣ Commenters encouraged NQF to consider the “Insufficient Evidence with Exception” pathway towards endorsement

Review and Discuss Public Comments



0369 Standardized Mortality Ratio for Dialysis Facilities

- **Measure Steward:** University of Michigan Kidney Epidemiology and Cost Center
 - ▣ Maintenance
- **Brief Description of Measure:**
 - ▣ Standardized mortality ratio for dialysis facility patients. This measure is calculated as a ratio but can also be expressed as a rate.

Criteria where consensus was not reached: None

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Criteria where consensus was not reached: Evidence

- ▣ The Committee expressed concern that the developer provided evidence based on updated guidelines from the National Kidney Foundation's (NKF) Kidney Disease Outcomes Quality Initiative (KDOQI), which included a downgrading of the evidence to support the measure to expert opinion.



2978 Hemodialysis Vascular Access: Long-term Catheter Rate

- **Measure Steward:** University of Michigan Kidney Epidemiology and Cost Center
 - ▣ Maintenance
- **Brief Description of Measure:**
 - ▣ Percentage of adult hemodialysis patient-months using a catheter continuously for three months or longer for vascular access.

Criteria where consensus was not reached: None

Comments Received

■ Concerns discussed by the Committee:

- KDOQI update resulted in downgraded evidence ranked as high to expert opinion.
 - » This affected the review of the vascular access measures
 - » The Committee concluded that the evidence to support the use of fistulas was not as strong as the evidence against the use of catheters for vascular access.
- The Committee noted that the preferred route of vascular access is via an AVF
 - » Patient preference will be a confounding factor in any measure of vascular access.
 - » There are instances when AVF may not be the preferred access route for certain patients, even in the face of known risks.

■ Summary of Comments Received: Nine comments received

- Commenters expressed several concerns related to the denominator used, stating that certain populations such as patients not eligible for arteriovenous fistula (AVF), persons on hospice, and pediatric populations be excluded.
- Commenters called for more measures applicable to pediatric patients.
- Commenters recommended refining measures to address non-infectious complications.

NQF Member and Public Comment

Next Steps



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Activities and Timeline – Spring 2020 Cycle

***All times ET**

Meeting	Date, Time
CSAC Review	November 17-18, 2020
Appeals Period (30 days)	November 23-December 22, 2020



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