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Webinar Goals

Provides opportunity for clarification prior to voting:

- Project Scope
- Measures Recommended for Endorsement
- Overarching Issues Identified by the Steering Committee
- Comments Received/Actions Taken

Project Scope

The project has:

- evaluated newly submitted measures and provided maintenance of surgical measures endorsed by NQF before June 2008*;
- been done in two phases;
 - Phase I – cardiac surgery-related, esophageal resection, VTE prophylaxis and blood transfusion
 - **Phase II – general surgery and surgical specialties**
- considered potential for harmonization, replacement or expansion of related measures

**Measures endorsed by NQF after June 2008 will be evaluated in a later project.*

Project Status

- All comments were addressed by the Steering Committee and developers had an opportunity to respond to comments on their measures
- Member and public comment period closed on February 17.
- Voting opened on Thursday, March 15, 2012 with **nine** measures recommended for endorsement
- **Draft report and comment table available on the [project page](#)**

Phase II Addendum Measures Recommended

- Continued endorsement of **6** measures
- Endorsement of **3** new measures
- Measure topics:
 - *Pancreatic resection*
 - *Abdominal aortic aneurysm*
 - *Surgical CAHPS*
 - *Prophylactic antibiotics*

Phase II Addendum Voting Draft Report

4 measures in which requests for reconsideration were submitted were not recommended are included in the addendum report as 'Measures not Recommended'

- » 0364: Incidental appendectomy in the elderly rate (IQI 24)
- » 0367: Post operative wound dehiscence (PDI 11)
- » 0368: Post operative wound dehiscence (PSI 14)
- » 1531: Follow-up assessment of stroke or death after carotid revascularization

Overarching Issues Identified by the Steering Committee

- Inclusion of individual clinician level of measurement
- Competing and related measures
 - *Antibiotic prophylaxis*
 - *Pancreatic resection surgery*
 - *Abdominal aortic aneurysm (AAA) repair*

Comments

- 30 comments received from 7 organizations/individuals
- Major Themes:
 - Related measures that should have been viewed as competing measures
 - Measures should include clinician level of measurement
 - Lack of support for process measures
 - Disapproval of the recommendation for endorsement of measure 1741
- Comment responses from NQF staff, measure developers & Steering Committee

Impact of Comments

- After reviewing the submitted comments and reviewing other discussions on similar measures, the Committee determined that the pancreatic resection surgery measures were competing and not related and provided additional details on its recommendation for the AAA measures
- Inclusion of individual clinician level of measurement was added as an Overarching Issue
- The Committee decided to re-vote on whether the S-CAHPS (measure 1741) met the NQF criteria for endorsement. Following the re-vote, measure 1741 was recommended for NQF endorsement

Next Steps

- NQF Member voting will end on Thursday, March 29, 2012 at 6pm ET
- Voting results will be forwarded to CSAC for discussion at the April 9, 2012 in-person meeting

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