



SURGERY ENDORSEMENT MAINTENANCE 2010 WORKGROUP A CONFERENCE CALL

April 22, 2011

Workgroup Members Present: David Torchiana, MD (Steering Committee chair); Richard W. Dutton, MD, MBA; Renae Stafford, MD, MPH; and Carol Wilhoit, MD, MS

NQF Staff Present: Melinda L. Murphy, RN, MS; Alexis Forman, MPH; Jessica Weber, MPH

Others Present: Laura Eaton (Ingenix); Jane Han (STS); Wanda Johnson (Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services)

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Ms. Murphy welcomed Workgroup A to the conference call and explained the call's 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 May 4-5, 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 questions.

LEAD DISCUSSANT ROLE

Ms. Murphy provided information about the role of the group members as lead discussants at the Steering Committee meeting. A lead discussant will be responsible for presenting the measure number, title, brief description of the measures, and a summary of the group's preliminary evaluation of the measure as well as any issues that should be noted and discussed.

EVALUATION OF WORKGROUP A MEASURES

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

- **0127:** Pre-operative beta blockade
- **0284:** Surgery patients on beta blocker therapy prior to admission who received a beta blocker during the perioperative period
- **0117:** Beta blockade at discharge
- **1480:** Patient(s) 18 years of age and older on a beta-blocker at admission or within seven days of discharge of an isolated CABG procedure
- **0365:** Pancreatic resection mortality rate (IQI 9) (risk adjusted)
- **0366:** Pancreatic resection volume (IQI 2)
- **0273:** Perforated appendix admission rate (PQI 2)

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- **0364:** Incidental appendectomy in the elderly rate (IQI 24) (risk adjusted)
- **0265:** Hospital transfer/admission
- **1519:** Statin therapy at discharge after lower extremity bypass (LEB)

MEMBER AND PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no member or public comment.

NEXT STEPS

Ms. Forman asked group members to confirm they had received the logistics information for the meeting and to be sure they had complied with the requirements. She described the process for the in-person meeting on May 4-5 and noted the measures from Phase I that would be voted on for endorsement after modifications were made. Ms. Forman stated that a briefing memo for the meeting would be forthcoming from project staff.