



## **SURGERY ENDORSEMENT MAINTENANCE 2010 WORKGROUP B CONFERENCE CALL**

**April 28, 2011**

*Workgroup Members Present:* Vivienne Halpern, MD; Eileen Kennedy, CPA; Terry Rogers, MD

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

*Others Present:* Vernon Anderson, Frederick Masoudi (ACC), Kristyne McGuinn

### **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Ms. Murphy welcomed Workgroup B 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 B MEASURES**

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

- **0357:** Abdominal aortic aneurysm volume (AAA) (IQI 4)
- **0359:** Abdominal aortic artery (AAA) repair mortality rate (IQI 11) (risk adjusted)
- **1523:** In-hospital mortality following elective open repair of small AAAs
- **1534:** In-hospital mortality following elective EVAR of small AAAs
- **1548:** Surveillance after endovascular abdominal aortic aneurysm repair (EVAR)
- **1540:** Postoperative stroke or death in asymptomatic patients undergoing carotid endarterectomy
- **1543:** Postoperative stroke or death in asymptomatic patients undergoing carotid artery stenting (CAS)
- **1531:** Follow-up assessment of stroke or death after carotid revascularization

### **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.