



SURGERY ENDORSEMENT MAINTENANCE 2010 WORKGROUP C CONFERENCE CALL

April 27, 2011

Workgroup Members Present: Nasim Afsar-Manesh, MD; James E. Carpenter, MD; Peter Dillon, MD, MSc; Dennis W. Rivenburgh, MS, PA-C; Allan Siperstein, MD

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

Others Present: Anne Cook (Jewish Hospital & Saint Mary's Healthcare); Fabienne Kyle (Children's Hospital of Philadelphia); Flora Lum (American Academy of Ophthalmology); Victoria Lynch (Oklahoma Quality Foundation); John Shaw (Next Wave); Susan White (ASC Quality Collaboration); Lein Han, Wanda Johnson (Center for Medicaid & Medicare Services); Laura Grosso; Lisa Suter, Smitha Vellanky (Yale)

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Ms. Murphy welcomed Workgroup C 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 C MEASURES

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

- **0339:** Pediatric heart surgery mortality (PDI 6) (risk adjusted)
- **0340:** Pediatric heart surgery volume (PDI 7)
- **0352:** Failure to rescue in-hospital mortality (risk adjusted)
- **0353:** Failure to rescue 30-day mortality
- **0351:** Death among surgical inpatients with serious, treatable complications (PSI 4)
- **0515:** Ambulatory surgery patients with appropriate method of hair removal
- **0301:** Surgery patients with appropriate hair removal
- **1550:** Hospital-level risk-standardized complication rate (RSCR) following elective primary total hip arthroplasty (THA) and total knee arthroplasty (TKA)

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- **1551:** Hospital-level 30-day all-cause risk-standardized readmission rate (RSRR) following elective primary total hip arthroplasty (THA) and total knee arthroplasty (TKA)
- **1536:** Cataracts: Improvement in patient’s visual function within 90 days following cataract surgery
- **1549:** Cataracts: Patient Satisfaction within 90 Days Following Cataract Surgery

MEMBER AND PUBLIC COMMENT

A representative from Next Wave commented on measure *1550: Hospital-level risk-standardized complication rate (RSCR) following elective primary total hip arthroplasty (THA) and total knee arthroplasty (TKA)*. He expressed concern that Next Wave had previously commented to the developer that the specifications regarding complications lack specificity, and can include complications that occur prior to admission or as part of the principal diagnosis.

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.