

NATIONAL QUALITY FORUM

CONFERENCE CALL FOR THE SURGERY ENDORSEMENT MAINTENANCE 2010 PROJECT: WORKGROUP A

February 16, 2011

Workgroup Members Present: Richard W. Dutton, MD, MBA; Paula R. Graling, DNP, RN; Renae Stafford, MD, MPH; Carol Wilhoit, MD, MS; and David Torchiana, MD (Steering Committee chairperson)

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

Others Present: Jane Han (STS)

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Ms. Murphy welcomed Workgroup A to the conference call and explained the conference call 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 February 28-March 1, 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 Steering Committee.

EVALUATION OF WORKGROUP A MEASURES

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

0113: Participation in a systematic database for cardiac surgery (*maintenance measure*)

0114: Post-operative renal failure (*maintenance measure*)

0115: Risk-adjusted post-operative renal failure (*maintenance measure*)

0129: Risk-adjusted prolonged intubation (ventilation) (*maintenance measure*)

0131: Risk-adjusted stroke/cerebrovascular accident (*maintenance measure*)

0134: Use of internal mammary artery (IMA) in coronary artery bypass graft (CABG)
(*maintenance measure*)

0119: Risk-adjusted operative mortality for CABG (*maintenance measure*)

Ms. Murphy provided information about the role of the group members as lead discussants at the Steering Committee meeting. 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.