

NATIONAL QUALITY FORUM

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

February 11, 2011

Workgroup Members Present: Peter W. Dillon, MD, MSc; Vivienne Halpern, MD; Eileen Kennedy, CPA; Terry Rogers, MD; Nicolas J. Sears; 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 B 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 B MEASURES

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

0120: Risk-adjusted operative mortality for aortic valve replacement (AVR) (*maintenance measure*)

0121: Risk-adjusted operative mortality for mitral valve (MV) replacement (*maintenance measure*)

0122: Risk-adjusted operative mortality MV replacement + CABG surgery (*maintenance measure*)

0123: Risk-adjusted operative mortality for aortic valve replacement (AVR) + CABG surgery
(*maintenance measure*)

1501: Risk-adjusted operative mortality for mitral valve (MV) repair (*maintenance measure—split from measure 0121*)

1502: Risk-adjusted operative mortality for MV repair + CABG surgery (*maintenance measure—split from measure 0122*)

0124: Surgical volume—a. isolated coronary artery bypass graft (CABG) surgery, b. valve surgery, c. CABG + valve surgery (*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.