

NATIONAL QUALITY FORUM

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

February 17, 2011

Workgroup Members Present: Robert R. Cima, MD, MA; Curtis D. Collins, PharmD, MS; Steven Findlay, MPH; Ruth Kleinpell, PhD, RN; Christine S. Zambricki, CRNA, MS; and Arden Morris, MD, MPH (Steering Committee chairperson)

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

Others Present: Jane Han (STS), Jessica Riehle, Kay Schwebke (Ingenix)

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Ms. Murphy welcomed Workgroup D 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 D MEASURES

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

0116: Anti-platelet medication at discharge (*maintenance measure*)

0118: Anti-lipid treatment discharge (*maintenance measure*)

1479: Patient(s) 18 years of age and older on lipid-lowering medication at admission or within seven days of discharge of an isolated CABG procedure (*new candidate measure*)

0130: Deep sternal wound infection rate (*maintenance measure*)

0300: Cardiac patients with controlled 6 am postoperative serum glucose (*maintenance measure*)

0217: Surgery patients with recommended venous thromboembolism (VTE) prophylaxis ordered (*maintenance measure*)

0218: Surgery patients who received appropriate venous thromboembolism (VTE) prophylaxis within 24 hours prior to surgery to 24 hours after surgery end time (*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.