



Surgery

Spring 2018 Review Cycle

CSAC Review and Endorsement

October 23-24, 2018

Project Name

- The National Quality Forum (NQF) has endorsed surgical measures through a variety of projects since 2004, beginning with the National Voluntary Consensus Standards for Cardiac Surgery
- Measures in this portfolio focus on outcomes for general and subspecialty surgical procedures including:
 - cardiac
 - orthopedic
 - ophthalmological
 - vascular surgeries and procedures; and
 - all phases of perioperative care
- The need to identify and endorse meaningful measures that will improve quality continues

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- Two maintenance measures were submitted related to gynecologic surgery and 30-day mortality following CABG procedures
 - 2063 Performing cystoscopy at the time of hysterectomy for pelvic organ prolapse to detect lower urinary tract injury (American Urogynecologic Society)
 - 2558 Hospital 30-Day, All-Cause, Risk-Standardized Mortality Rate (RSMR) Following Coronary Artery Bypass Graft (CABG) Surgery (CMS/Yale CORE)
 - » Measure 2558 was reviewed by the NQF Scientific Methods Panel

- Both measures were recommended for endorsement

Measure Evaluation Summary

	Maintenance Measures	New Measures	TOTAL Measures
Submitted	2	0	2
Measures Recommended	2	0	2
Measures Not Recommended	0	0	0
Measures Withdrawn from Consideration	0	0	0
Reasons for not recommending:	Importance – 0 Scientific Acceptability -0 Use - 0 Overall – 0	Importance – 0 Scientific Acceptability - 0 Overall – 0	

Public and NQF Member Comments Received

- NQF received nine comments from five member organizations
- All comments were supportive of the Committee's decision to recommend the measures for endorsement
- 2558: *Hospital 30-Day, All-Cause, Risk-Standardized Mortality Rate Following Coronary Artery Bypass Graft Surgery (CMS/Yale CORE)*
 - *Additional comment suggesting the developer should perform empirical validity testing and explore the underlying relationship between factors like poverty or neighborhood deprivation on mortality*

Member Expression of Support

- Two members expressed support for NQF 2063
- One member expressed support for NQF 2558

Timeline and Next Steps

Process Step	Timeline
Appeals Period	October 26, 2018-November 26, 2018
Adjudication of Appeals	November 27, 2018-December 21, 2018
Final Report	Early February 2019

Questions?

Project Webpage:

http://www.qualityforum.org/Surgery_2017-2018.aspx

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