



# Surgery Fall 2017 Cycle

CSAC Review and Endorsement

*June 4, 2018*

# Surgery

- 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*
  - *all phases of perioperative care*
- The need to identify and endorse meaningful measures that will improve quality continues

# Surgery

- Four measures were submitted related to lung cancer and ambulatory surgery
  - *1 maintenance measure*
  - *3 new measures*
- All four measures were reviewed by the NQF Scientific Methods Panel
  - *1 measure did not meet the Scientific Acceptability criterion and was not reviewed by the Committee*

# Surgery Standing Committee Recommendations

- All three measures reviewed by the Standing Committee were recommended for endorsement.
- Recommended measures:
  - ▣ **Lung Cancer – 2 measures**
    - » Types of measures: 1 composite; 1 outcome
  - ▣ **Ambulatory Surgery – 1 measure**
    - » Type of measure: 1 outcome

# Measure Evaluation Summary

	Maintenance Measures	New Measures	TOTAL Measures
Submitted	2	1	3
Measures Recommended	2	1	3
Measures Not Recommended	0	0	0
Measures Withdrawn from Consideration	0	0	0
Reasons for not recommending:	Importance – 0 Scientific Acceptability -0 Overall – 0	Importance – 0 Scientific Acceptability - 0 Overall – 0	

# Public and NQF Member Comments Received

- Three comments were submitted by three organizations (including two member organizations) for NQF 3357 *Facility-Level 7-Day Hospital Visits after General Surgery Procedures Performed at Ambulatory Surgical Centers*
  - Comments addressed measure specifications, measure validity, sociodemographic risk adjustment, and whether the measure provided information about meaningful differences in performance.
  - Committee members stated that the developer adequately addressed public comments and uphold their initial recommendation for endorsement.

# Member Expression of Support

- Two NQF members (organizations and/or individuals) were not supportive of NQF 3357 *Facility-Level 7-Day Hospital Visits after General Surgery Procedures Performed at Ambulatory Surgical Centers*

# CSAC Checklist

Key Considerations	Yes/No	Notes
Were there any process concerns raised during the CDP project? If so, briefly explain.	No	
Did the Standing Committee receive requests for reconsideration? If so, briefly explain.	No	
Did the Standing Committee overturn any of the Scientific Methods Panel's ratings of Scientific Acceptability? If so, state the measure and why the measure was overturned.	No	



# CSAC Checklist

Key Considerations	Yes/No	Notes
If a recommended measure is a related and/or competing measure, was a rationale provided for the Standing Committee's recommendation? If not, briefly explain.	No	
Were any measurement gap areas addressed? If so, identify the areas.	No	
Are there additional concerns that require CSAC discussion? If so, briefly explain.	No	

# Timeline and Next Steps

Process Step	Timeline
Appeals Period	June 7, 2018-July 6, 2018
Adjudication of Appeals	July 9, 2018-August 3, 2018
Final Report	September 2018

# Questions?

- Project webpage: [http://www.qualityforum.org/Surgery\\_2017-2018.aspx](http://www.qualityforum.org/Surgery_2017-2018.aspx)
- Project email address: [surgery@qualityforum.org](mailto:surgery@qualityforum.org)