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To: NQF members
From: NQF staff
Re: Patient Safety Spring 2022 Draft Technical Report

Background

This report reflects the review of measures in the Patient Safety project. The Patient Safety Standing Committee carefully vets new and existing patient safety measures and makes recommendations for endorsement. Measures within the NQF Patient Safety portfolio have been used in various accountability and public reporting programs, which have led to lower rates of complications, medical errors, mortality, and other patient safety events. The NQF Patient Safety portfolio includes various process measures, as well as patient safety outcome measures such as mortality, pressure ulcers, falls, and others.

The [Patient Safety Standing Committee](#) reviewed six measures. Five measures were recommended for endorsement; however, the Standing Committee did not reach consensus on the sixth and final measure.

Recommended Measures:

- NQF #3690 Inappropriate Diagnoses of Urinary Tract Infection (UTI) in Hospitalized Medical Patients (University of Michigan/Michigan Hospital Safety Consortium)
- NQF #3671 Inappropriate Diagnosis of Community-Acquired Pneumonia (CAP) in Hospitalized Medical Patients (University of Michigan/Michigan Hospital Safety Consortium)
- NQF #2820 Pediatric Computed Tomography (CT) Radiation Dose (University of California, San Francisco)
- NQF #3658 Adult Blood Culture Contamination Rate (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)
- NQF #0097 Medication Reconciliation Post-Discharge (National Committee for Quality Assurance)*

Consensus Not Reached:

- NQF #3450 Practice Environment Scale-Nursing Work Index (PES-NWI) (University of Pennsylvania, Center for Health Outcomes and Policy Research)

The Standing Committee requests comments on all measures*, especially the measures for which consensus was not reached.

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NQF Member and Public Commenting

NQF members and the public are encouraged to provide comments via the online commenting tool on the draft report as a whole or on the specific measures evaluated by the Patient Safety Standing Committee.

Please note that commenting concludes on September 6, 2022 by 11:59 PM ET—no exceptions.

***NQF #0097 was originally reviewed during the fall 2020 cycle as a maintenance measure and has already undergone public commenting. This measure will now be reviewed by the Consensus Standards Approval Committee (CSAC) during the fall 2021 CSAC meeting.**