

**Summary of Patient Safety Standing Committee Meeting
Ad Hoc Review of Measure 0500
April 10, 2015
2:00-3:00pm ET**

Welcome and Roll Call

Andrew Lyzenga, Senior Project Manager and Dr. Jesse Pines, Senior Consultant to NQF, welcomed the Patient Safety Standing Committee and the public to the web meeting.

The Patient Safety Standing Committee met via webinar to discuss the Ad Hoc Review of Measure 0500: Severe Sepsis and Septic Shock: Management Bundle that was previously evaluated during the April 2014 Committee in-person meeting. After extensive discussion at the in-person meeting, and follow-up calls with experts on both sides of the issue, the Committee reaffirmed its decision to recommend removal of item 'F' from Measure 0500, eliminating the requirement that all patients receive a central venous line to assess blood pressure (CVP) and oxygen (ScvO₂) levels. In addition, it was noted that the respecified item 'F' is identical to what was submitted and published by CMS in their measures for reporting. It was also noted that subsequent trials were completed after the PROCESS Trial, including the ARISE Trial in Australia and New Zealand and the PROMISE Trial in the United Kingdom, both of which yielded very similar results to those of the PROCESS Trial, thereby supporting the Committee's recommendation to remove item 'F' from the measure.

Severe Sepsis and Septic Shock: Management Bundle - Overview of Measure Changes and Updates

The measure developers, Dr. Sean Townsend and Dr. Emmanuel Rivers, provided a quick review of the full revised specifications of item 'F' based on the compromise language previously approved by the Committee. The measure revisions provide additional flexibility in assessment of patients with sepsis, allowing for both invasive and non-invasive approaches to monitoring patient status. The measure developers have now fully specified the revised measure, and hospitals across the country are preparing to implement the measure in October 2015 as part of Medicare's Inpatient Quality Reporting (IQR) program. In addition, physicians will receive education on how to appropriately implement and use the measure.

Standing Committee Discussion

The Committee voted unanimously on whether the full specifications of measure 0500 are consistent with the compromise language approved previously by the Patient Safety Standing committee. The vote was a binary Yes/No, resulting in 100 percent Yes (total of 21 voters).

NQF Member and Public Comment

There were no public comments during the web meeting.