



## Surgery Standing Committee, Post-Comment Web Meeting

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The National Quality Forum (NQF) convened a public web meeting for the Surgery Standing Committee on September 23, 2019.

### Welcome, Introductions, and Review of Meeting Objectives

NQF welcomed the Standing Committee and participants to the web meeting and provided opening remarks. NQF staff reviewed the meeting objectives: to review, discuss, and provide input on comments submitted during the post-evaluation public and member comment period.

### Discussion of the Comment Submitted

The Standing Committee discussed two comments provided by the American Medical Association (AMA) concerning the two new measures, *NQF #3493 Risk-standardized complication rate (RSCR) following elective primary total hip arthroplasty (THA) and/or total knee arthroplasty (TKA) for Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) Eligible Clinicians and Eligible Clinician Groups*, and *NQF #3494 Hospital 90-Day, All-Cause, Risk-Standardized Mortality Rate (RSMR) Following Coronary Artery Bypass Graft (CABG) Surgery*. The AMA does not support endorsement of the two measures and has concerns that the measures do not meet the NQF measure evaluation criteria for evidence and scientific acceptability.

The Surgery Standing Committee discussed AMA's concerns regarding attribution and the risk-adjustment model. The Standing Committee acknowledged that attribution is not a criterion for endorsement; however, it was concluded that if these two measures go on the Measures Under Considerations (MUC) list as part of pre-rulemaking, NQF Surgery Team will share this discussion with the MAP Clinician Workgroup for their consideration.

It was also noted that face validity as a quality indicator may be adequate and acceptable for a new measure; however, if the measures are endorsed and come back to NQF for maintenance of endorsement, empirical validity testing is expected at the time of maintenance review.

Additionally, as part of the measure feedback loop, it was recommended that information regarding use be collected from measure implementers and presented to the Committee at the time of maintenance review.

### Public Comment

No public or NQF member comments were provided during the post-comment web meeting.

### Next Steps

The NQF staff informed the Committee that their discussion would be updated in the report and that the Committee's recommendations will be presented at the October 21-22, 2019 CSAC meeting.