

Cardiovascular Standing Committee Fall 2022 Post-Comment Web Meeting

Battelle convened the Cardiovascular standing committee for the Fall 2022 post-comment web meeting on Friday, June 16, 2023, from 2:30 p.m.– 4:30 p.m. ET.

Welcome, Review of Meeting Objectives, and Attendance

Katie Goodwin, deputy endorsement and maintenance technical lead, welcomed the standing committee. Brenna Rabel, deputy director of the consensus-based entity (CBE) work, gave opening remarks and expressed gratitude for the standing committee's continued participation. Ms. Goodwin then provided an overview of the meeting's objectives:

- Review the [post-comment memo](#) and the [meeting summary](#) from the February 2023 cycle measure evaluation meeting.
- Provide feedback and input on comments received and the proposed responses to the post-evaluation comments.

Ms. Goodwin reminded the committee that during the Fall 2022 cycle, the Cardiovascular standing committee reviewed four measures during the measure evaluation meeting on February 23, 2023. The standing committee recommended two measures for endorsement, which were undergoing maintenance review:

- CBE #2377 *Overall Defect-Free Care for AMI* (American College of Cardiology)
- CBE #2558 *Hospital 30-Day, All-Cause, Risk-Standardized Mortality Rate (RSMR) Following Coronary Artery Bypass Graft (CABG) Surgery* (Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services [CMS]/Yale New Haven Health Services Corporation – Center for Outcomes Research and Evaluation [Yale CORE])

The standing committee did not recommend the following measures:

- CBE #3716 *CVD Risk Assessment Measure – Proportion of Pregnant/Postpartum Patients That Receive CVD Risk Assessment with a Standardized Tool* (University of California, Irvine)
- CBE #3735 *CVD Risk Follow-Up Measure – Proportion of Patients with a Positive CVD Risk Assessment Who Receive Follow-Up Care* (University of California, Irvine)

The [meeting summary](#) was posted on the Partnership for Quality Measurement (PQM)[™] website for public comment from March 28, 2023, to May 5, 2023. During this commenting period, the committee received four comments on the measures under review. Two comments raised issues with and/or had suggestions for measures CBE #2558 and CBE #3716. During the post-comment meeting, the standing committee spent most of the time discussing measure-specific comments for CBE #2558 and CBE #3716.

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Review and Discuss Post-Evaluation Comments Received

CBE #2558 Hospital 30-Day, All-Cause, Risk-Standardized Mortality Rate (RSMR) Following Coronary Artery Bypass Graft (CABG) Surgery (CMS/Yale CORE)

Ms. Goodwin presented the public comments received for each measure as well as the developer's responses. Dr. Kottke, standing committee co-chair, facilitated the standing committee's discussion of comments and gathered input on proposed standing committee responses.

Ms. Goodwin first shared a comment received by The American Medical Association (AMA), which expressed concern about the minimum measure score reliability result, the lack of testing and adjustment for social risk factors, and the amount of variation demonstrating small differences in performance scores for this measure.

The measure steward/developer response, reported in the developer response document, provided supporting data to address the commenter's concerns. This information was provided to the standing committee during the measure evaluation meeting.

Dr. Kottke led a discussion about the proposed standing committee response, which stated that the standing committee considered the reliability and validity testing for this measure during its initial evaluation, including the consideration of social risk factors and the differences in performance scores across accountable entities. The standing committee had no additional discussion related to this comment and there was agreement with the proposed response.

CBE #3716 CVD Risk Assessment Measure – Proportion of Pregnant/Postpartum Patients That Receive CVD Risk Assessment with a Standardized Tool (University of California, Irvine)

Ms. Goodwin shared a comment received by the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), acknowledging the standing committee's concerns regarding evidence but encouraging the standing committee to reconsider the measure as soon as additional evidence is available. The developer provided a response with appreciation for the encouragement and shared that they are working on gathering more data to support the evidence for this measure.

Dr. Kottke led a discussion about the proposed standing committee response, which stated that the standing committee will evaluate the measure for endorsement consideration once the evidence is updated and the measure is submitted to a future cycle. During the discussion, the developer shared that they plan to respecify the measure and resubmit with diagnosis as the outcome of interest and asked for committee feedback on this plan. Standing committee members shared feedback on potential improvements to this or similar measures based on their expertise. It was suggested that the outcome of interest for the measure be patients' receipt of evidence-based care or appropriate treatment, cautioning that few measures are endorsed based on diagnosis of an outcome alone. The standing committee encouraged the developer to look at endorsed behavioral health measure submissions for examples of similar evidence-based care targets. Standing committee members also advised that there is a need to increase

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awareness of cardiac disease in pregnant and postpartum women and to learn how to differentiate from "respiratory symptoms" or discounting as "normal" symptoms of pregnancy. Additionally, standing committee members advised that the measure needs to be expanded beyond just obstetricians to represent the full spectrum of care received by pregnant individuals.

The standing committee had no additional discussion related to this comment and there was agreement with the proposed response.

Opportunity for Public Comment

Ms. Goodwin opened the web meeting to allow for public comment. No public comments were provided.

Next Steps

Ms. Goodwin reviewed the next steps and informed attendees that the Consensus Standards Approval Committee (CSAC) will consider the standing committee's recommendations during its meeting on July 24, from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Following the CSAC meeting, the 30-day appeals period will be held from August 1 - August 30. Ms. Goodwin thanked the committee, the co-chairs, the developers, and others on the call before adjourning the meeting.