



Health Care Quality Performance (HCQP) Program

**HOSPITAL-ACQUIRED INFECTIONS AND PREVENTION ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE**

8:00-9:00 am, November 24, 2008  
HEALTH, Room 401

**Goals/Objectives**

- To discuss potential HAI measures to report during Quarter 1 2009, as well as measures to begin collecting and reporting subsequently.

**Voting Members**

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| ✓ Utpala Bandy, MD  | ✓ Andrew Komensky, RN                           | ✓ Lee Ann Quinn, RN, BC, CIC                 |
| ✓ Margaret Cornell, MS, RN                                | ✓ Pat Mastors                                   | ✓ Janet Robinson, RN, MEd, CIC               |
| ✓ Robert Crausman, MD                                     | ✓ Leonard Mermel, DO, ScM                       | ✓ Nancy Vallande, MSM, MT, CIC               |
| ✓ Marlene Fishman, MPH, CIC                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Kathleen O'Connell, RN | ✓ Sam Viner-Brown, MS                        |
| ✓ Julie Jefferson, RN, MPH, CIC                           | ✓ Harold Picken, MD                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Gloria Williams, MS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diane Kitson-Clark, RN, MSN, CIC | ✓ Aurora Pop-Vicas                              |  |

**Time**

**Topic/Notes**

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| 8:00 am | <p><b>Welcome &amp; Meeting Objective</b><br/>Samara Viner-Brown, MS (<i>Co-Chair</i>)<br/>Leonard Mermel, DO, ScM (<i>Co-Chair</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Len opened the meeting at 8:05 and Sam presented the results of the short survey. Overall, 10 (58.8%) Subcommittee members responded to the survey. The top two recommended measures were flu vaccination and SCIP I, II, III, and IV, both with seven people 'recommending' or 'strongly recommending' them. The next two (also tied) were MRSA and hand hygiene.</li> <li>– Subcommittee members can see what is currently reported on Medicare's Hospital Compare website: <a href="http://www.hospitalcompare.hhs.gov">www.hospitalcompare.hhs.gov</a></li> </ul> |
| 8:30 am | <p><b>Measure Evaluation</b><br/>Samara Viner-Brown, MS<br/>Leonard Mermel, DO, ScM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– As discussed with Dr. Gifford at the last meeting, the Subcommittee's charge is to identify 'low-hanging fruit' that can be reported quickly. The dates in the legislation should be considered outer limits, and the expectation is that the Subcommittee will</li> </ul>   |

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	<p>identify and report available data as quickly as possible, and then follow it with additional measures over time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The group discussed the survey results, as well as potential barriers and other considerations, such as the legislative pressures to report MRSA. For any measure selected, the group needs to identify a uniform data collection strategy and determine if/how to risk adjust the data (e.g., through stratification or other means).</li> <li>- If the Subcommittee does not recommend MRSA-related reporting, we run the risk that an outside group may mandate it independent of the Subcommittee's input.</li> <li>- As a result, the group's suggestions included reporting an MRSA-related process measures and then determine if an MRSA outcome measure is needed.</li> </ul> <p>If the Subcommittee accompanies the process measures with a comprehensive, 1-3 year timeline – and brands the process measures, such as hand hygiene, as related to MRSA – this may address the legislature's desire to report MRSA-related data.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Additional suggestions included looking at statewide surveillance data to understand the local burden of MRSA. However, the Program's mandate is to provide comparative ratings for consumers to use when choosing healthcare providers. These are intended to be facility-level data. Facility-level data will also enable the Subcommittee to evaluate any links between improved care processes and the outcome. Whether or not a separate working group should be formed regarding MRSA surveillance will be determined at a future meeting.</li> <li>- In addition to a MRSA-related measure, the Subcommittee recommended moving forward with the SCIP I, II, and III measures.</li> </ul>
8:55 am	<p><b>Action Items &amp; Next Steps</b>  Samara Viner-Brown, MS  Leonard Mermel, DO, ScM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Action item:</b> Program staff will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resend the Compendium report, and</li> <li>• Share the Hospital Compare link (included on p. 1) with the Subcommittee, so that participants can see what is reported and how the data are presented.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Next meeting: December 15, 2008</li> </ul>