

CLINICIAN COMMITTEE COMPOSITION (MEMBERSHIP) LIST

Project Title:

Development of Outpatient Outcome Measures for the Merit-based Incentive Payment System

Dates:

The Call for the Clinician Committee nomination period closed on October 19, 2018. Yale New Haven Health Services Corporation – Center for Outcomes Research and Evaluation (CORE) held three meetings with the Clinician Committee during the project (October 2018 to July 2019) on January 11, 2019 (teleconference); February 27, 2019 (in-person); and June 13, 2019 (teleconference).

Project Overview:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) contracted with CORE to develop outpatient outcome measures that can be used to assess the quality of care provided by clinicians who are eligible to participate in the Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS).

As part of this project, CORE developed a measure focused on care provided for patients with heart failure (hereinafter, MIPS heart failure measure). The measure assesses each clinician or group's acute, cardiovascular-related admission rate, respectively, to that of other MIPS clinicians or groups with similar patients and adjusts for patient complexity as well as social risk. The quality measure's scores are calculated using patient characteristics and outcomes documented on routinely submitted Medicare claims; therefore, the clinicians whose performance will be assessed by the quality measure will not need to submit any additional data directly to CMS.

As part of its measure development process, CORE convened groups of stakeholders and experts who contribute direction and thoughtful input during measure development and maintenance. In addition to convening a national Technical Expert Panel, CORE convened a Clinician Committee composed of relevant professional/specialty society representatives and front-line clinicians from rural and/or underserved communities who care for patients with heart failure. The Clinician Committee provided input to help shape the approach to the measure, such as which types of outcomes should be counted in the measure.

CORE selected the individuals in [Table 1](#), and they agreed to serve on the Clinician Committee for this measure.

The contract name is Measure & Instrument Development and Support (MIDS): Development, Reevaluation, and Implementation of Outpatient Outcome/Efficiency Measures. The contract number is HHSM-75FCMC18D0042.

Table 1. Clinician Committee for project entitled “Development of a Heart Failure Outpatient Outcome Measure for the Merit-based Incentive Payment System”

Name, credentials, and clinical specialty (if applicable)	Title (Organization)	Location	Gender	Front-line clinician	Professional/ specialty society representative (nominated by)	Conflict of interest disclosure
Scott Baute, MS, PA-C; cardiology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cardiology physician assistant (George Washington Hospital) 	Washington, D.C.	Male	No	Yes (American Academy of Physician Assistants)	None disclosed
Margaret Bowers, DNP, FNP-BC, AACC, CHSE, FAANP; cardiology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nurse practitioner (Duke University School of Nursing) 	Durham, NC	Female	Yes	Yes (American Association of Nurse Practitioners)	None disclosed
Sara Collins, MD, FACC; interventional cardiology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attending physician (Capital Cardiology Consultants, P.C.) Medical Director, Cardiology – Heart Failure Rehabilitation Program (BridgePoint Hospital National Harbor) 	Washington, D.C.	Female	Yes	No	None disclosed
Patricia Davidson, MD, FACP; internal medicine, cardiology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physician (MedStar Health) 	Washington, D.C.	Female	Yes	No	None disclosed

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Bhargavi Degapudi, MD; <i>nephrology, palliative care</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medical Director, Care Transitions and Palliative Care (AtlantiCare) 	Atlantic City, NJ	Female	Yes	No	None disclosed
John Duane Heick, PT, PhD, DPT; <i>physical therapy, heart failure</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Associate Professor (Northern Arizona University) Physical Therapist (Select/Physiotherapy Associates) 	Flagstaff, AZ	Male	No	Yes (American Physical Therapy Association)	None disclosed
L.E. Gomez, MD, MBA; <i>emergency medicine</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine (Howard University School of Medicine) Physician Quality Improvement Advisor (HealthCare Dynamics International) 	Annapolis, MD	Male	Yes	No	None disclosed
Paul A. Heidenreich, MD, MS; <i>cardiology</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Professor of Medicine, Vice-Chair Clinical Quality and Analytics (Stanford University School of Medicine) Physician, Director of Echocardiography (VA Palo Alto Health Care System) 	Palo Alto, CA	Male	No	Yes (Heart Failure Society of America)	None disclosed

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Barbara Hutchinson, MD, PhD, FACC; <i>cardiology</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physician and Managing Partner (Chesapeake Cardiac Care, PA) Instructor in Medicine (University of Maryland Hospital) 	Annapolis, MD	Female	Yes	No	None disclosed
Michelle Kittleson, MD, PhD; <i>cardiology</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Director, Post Graduate Medical Education in Heart Failure and Transplantation; Associate Professor of Medicine; Director, Heart Failure Research (Cedars-Sinai Medical Center) 	Los Angeles, CA	Female	No	Yes (American Heart Association)	None disclosed
Mary Krebs, MD; <i>family medicine</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family Medicine Physician (HealthSource of Ohio) Family Medicine Faculty (Soin Medical Center) 	Xenia, OH	Female	Yes	Yes (American Academy of Family Physicians)	None disclosed
Joel Rosen, MD, FAAFP, FHM; <i>primary care</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medical Director (Christus St. Vincent Regional Medical Center) 	Santa Fe, NM	Male	Yes	No	None disclosed

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Michael Steinman, MD; <i>geriatrics</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor of Medicine (University of California at San Francisco School of Medicine) • Attending physician (San Francisco Veterans Affairs Medical Center) 	San Francisco, CA	Male	No	Yes (American Geriatrics Society)	Previously consulted for iodine.com, an internet start-up that solicited and shared information from medication users about medication effectiveness and adverse effects; unpaid role and formally terminated work with them in October 2017
John Teeters, MD; <i>preventative cardiology</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief of Cardiology (University of Rochester Medical Center) • Executive Medical Director (Accountable Health Partners) • Director (Heart Failure Center at Highland Hospital) 	Rochester, NY	Male	Yes	Yes (American College of Cardiology)	None disclosed