

**MEETING MINUTES
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CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES

MEDICARE EVIDENCE DEVELOPMENT AND
COVERAGE
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

November 19, 2008

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
7500 Security Boulevard
Woodlawn, Maryland

Medicare Evidence Development and Coverage Advisory Committee

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Attendees

Chair

Barbara McNeil, MD, PhD

Vice Chair

Steven Pearson, MD, MSc

Panel Members

Clifford Goodman, PhD

Robert McDonough, MD

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Steven M. Teutsch, MD, MPH

Jonathan P. Weiner, PhD

Jed Weissberg, MD.

CMS Liaison

Steve E. Phurrough, MD, MPA

Industry Representative

Michael J. Lacey, MSc

Guest Speaker

Ned Calonge, MD, MPH

Executive Secretary

Maria A. Ellis

Wednesday, November 19, 2008, 8:10 a.m.

The Medicare Evidence Development and Coverage Advisory Committee met on November 19, 2008, to discuss the evidence, hear presentations and public comments, and make recommendations concerning screening computed tomography colonography (CTC) for eligible individuals.

The meeting began with a discussion of conflict of issue matters, opening remarks by the CMS liaison and chair, followed by an introduction of the panel members.

CMS Presentation and Voting Questions

William Larson from CMS presented the panel with the goals and agenda for the meeting and read the questions that would be discussed and voted upon by the panel. He also listed the materials with which the panel had been provided. Mr. Larson also discussed brief background information on the Medicare colorectal cancer screening benefit.

Technology Assessment Presentation

Results of the technology assessment systematic review were presented by a representative of the Oregon Evidence-Based Practice Center.

Guest Speakers

The panel heard from one invited guest speakers. He discussed the background of the United States Preventive Services Task Force, what they consider overall in reviewing evidence for clinical preventive services, and what they considered in their review of CTC. The recommendations of the USPSTF regarding CT colonography were then presented.

Technology Assessment Presentation

Results of the technology assessment cost and outcome model were presented by a representative of MISCAN.

Scheduled Public Speakers

The panel heard from several scheduled public speakers: the Director of Cancer Screening for the American Cancer Society; a representative from the American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy; a representative from the American College of Gastroenterology; a representative from the Colon Health Center of America; a representative of the George Washington University Medical Center; the Chief of the Gastroenterology and Colon Health Initiative; and the Chair of Radiology at the Mayo Clinic Arizona as well as the PI for the ACRIN National CT Colonography study.

Open Comments

The panel was addressed by the Chief Medical Officer of Siemens in the U.S.; the Chief Medical Officer of GE Healthcare; a representative of the ACR; the Chair of the Practice of Management and Economics Committee for the American Gastroenterological Association; and the Chair of the ACR Committee for Colon Cancer.

Questions

An extensive question and answer session was held between the panel, the presenters, and those who made comments.

Initial Panel Discussion

The panel conducted an extensive discussion prior to casting their votes.

Formal Remarks and Voting

The panel voted on the voting questions. Panelists displayed their numerical votes to be recorded by staff. Any panel member whose vote was considered to be outlying was then asked to explain their vote, and discussion followed.

Final Panel Discussion

After the voting, the panelists were asked to comment on the rationale for their votes. The panel also commented on additional information they would like to see in determining coverage recommendations for CT colonography for eligible individuals.

Final Remarks

Before adjourning, Dr. Phurrough thanked the panelists and the other participants for their efforts.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

I certify that I attended the meeting of the
MedCAC Committee on November 19,
2008, and that these minutes accurately
reflect what transpired.



Maria A. Ellis

Executive Secretary, MedCAC, CMS

I approve the minutes of this meeting

as recorded in this summary.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "B. J. McNeil".

Barbara McNeil, MD, PhD
Chair