

**MEETING MINUTES
OF THE
CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES
MEDICARE EVIDENCE DEVELOPMENT & COVERAGE
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

August 30, 2017

**Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
7500 Security Boulevard
Baltimore, Maryland**

Medicare Evidence Development & Coverage Advisory Committee

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Attendees

Acting Committee Chair

Aloysius B. Cuyjet, MD, MPH

MEDCAC Members

Karen Albright, DO, MPH
Doug Campos-Outcalt, MD, MPA
Marc Mora, MD
Daniel A. Ollendorf, PhD
Marcel Salive, MD, MPH
Renee Williams, MD
Adolph J. Yates, Jr., MD
Diana Zuckerman, PhD

Industry Representative

Robert J. Hilkert, MD, FACC, FAHA

Guest Panel Members

Martha W. Betz, PhD
Samuel Klein, MD
Dana A. Telem, MD, MPH, FACS, FASMBS
Bruce M. Wolfe, MD, FACS, FASMBS

Invited Guest Speakers

Orestis Panagiotou, MD, PhD
Thomas Trikalinos, MD, PhD
David Arterburn, MD, MPH, FACP
Eric J. DeMaria, MD, FACS, FASMBS
Kimberly Marschhauser, PhD
Joe Nadglowski

CMS Liaison

Lori Ashby, MA

Executive Secretary

Maria Ellis

Wednesday, August 30, 2017, 8:06 a.m.

The Medicare Evidence Development & Coverage Advisory Committee met on August 30, 2017, to discuss recommendations regarding the appraisal of the state of the evidence for health outcomes in the Medicare population for surgical and endoscopic procedures for weight loss.

The meeting began with a reading of a conflict of interest statement, welcoming remarks, and an introduction of the Committee.

CMS Presentation and Voting Questions. A CMS representative presented information summarizing the current national coverage decisions for services related to obesity, informed the attendees of the goals of today's meeting, defined the terms applicable for the meeting and the panel's consideration of the questions, and then read the voting and discussion questions that would be considered by the panel.

Presentations by Invited Guest Speakers. The panel heard presentations from the invited guest speakers. Dr. DeMaria presented a review of the history of bariatric surgery, including the types of procedures performed, and summarized the existing literature and discussed studies currently underway relating to obesity and interventions. Dr. Panagiotou and Dr. Trikalinos presented the results of the AHRQ funded technology assessment conducted at Brown University. Mr. Nadglowski discussed the state of treatments available to patients from a patient advocate position. Dr. Marschhauser and Dr. Arterburn summarized the goals of PCORI and presented the results of studies by PCORnet on the topic.

Scheduled Public Comments. The panel heard from a total of 14 scheduled speakers, including clinicians, and society and industry representatives. These speakers informed the committee of current and planned trials related to bariatric surgery and endoscopic procedures, and addressed their clinical and research experience, to include the outcomes on weight loss and reduction in comorbidities observed in studies and clinical history or registries.

Open Public Comments. Three members of the general public addressed the panel, including a representative from a patient advocate group, a physician nutrition specialist, and a practicing bariatric surgeon.

Questions to Presenters. The panel participated in a lengthy discussion and question and answer session with all of the presenters, which is recorded in the transcript.

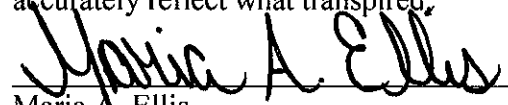
Initial Open Panel Discussion, Formal Remarks and Voting Questions. The panel conducted an in depth discussion of the issues raised, before turning its attention to the voting questions. There was a malfunction of the electronic devices, so the votes were recorded manually on sheets provided to the panelists, announced to the public, and were

recorded by CMS staff. Following the voting questions, the panelists focused on the discussion portion of question four, comments on which are found in the transcript.

Final Open Panel Discussion. The panel commented on the additional discussion topics, which are recorded in the transcript.

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

I certify that I attended the meeting of
the Medicare Evidence Development &
Coverage Advisory Committee on
August 30, 2017 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.

Aloysius B. Cuyjet MD MPH

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