

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

(Remote via Zoom)

June 25, 2025

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

Medicare Evidence Development & Coverage Advisory Committee

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Attendees (Remotely)

Committee Chair

Joseph Ross, MD, MHS

Committee Vice-Chair

Sanket Dhruva, MD, MHS, FACC

MEDCAC Members

Yi-Fen Irene Chen, MD
Robin Newman, OTD, MA, OTR/L, CLT, FAOTA
Sally Stearns, PhD

Patient Advocate

Amy Goldsmith, MA, CCC-SLP, RAC-CT, CMAS

Industry Representative

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Tamara Syrek-Jensen

MEDCAC Coordinator

Tara Hall

Wednesday, June 25, 2025, 10:00 a.m. EST

The Medicare Evidence Development & Coverage Advisory Committee met virtually via Zoom on June 25, 2025, to discuss devices for management of tremor in patients with Parkinson's disease or essential tremor. The committee met to specifically examine which clinical endpoints in studies of devices to manage tremor in Parkinson's disease and essential tremor. By voting on specific questions and through panel discussion, the MEDCAC panel advised CMS about the ideal clinical endpoints and research studies of evidence to manage tremor in Parkinson's disease and essential tremor, as well as appropriate measurement instruments and follow-up durations to help provide clarity and transparency of national coverage analysis.

The meeting began with a reading of conflict-of-interest matters, and welcoming remarks by Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Jensen and Dr. Ross.

CMS Presentation: Clinical Endpoints Review (CER). Teresa Rogstad presented a review of the clinical endpoints review. Ms. Rogstad then fielded questions from the panel concerning the CER. This discussion is contained in the transcript of the meeting.

Summary of Subcommittee Deliberations, Review of Voting Questions and Discussion Guide. Dr. Ross summarized the March 26, 2025, subcommittee meeting that helped form the questions to be addressed in this meeting. He then presented the voting questions, explained the voting scale, and outlined the planned agenda.

Scheduled Public Speakers. The panel heard from a total of six scheduled speakers, all of which were accompanied by Power Point presentations. The speakers included representatives from industry, research organizations and professional societies groups. Following each presentation, panel members questioned the speakers on their presentations. There were no speakers during the open public speaker portion of the meeting.

Open Panel Discussion. The panel conducted an in-depth discussion, offering opinions and recommendations related to the proposed domains contained in the CER. This discussion can be found in the transcript of the meeting.

Voting Questions. Turning its attention to the voting questions, the panel voted individually on each of the three questions presented. Following each electronic vote individual panelists, including nonvoting members, announced his or her vote, making comments concerning their vote, making further comments ranking the importance of individual measures within the domains, and comments regarding the significance of minimally clinically important differences, recommended length of follow-up, and how the strength of these suggestions may vary among the various devices.

Following the voting and discussion on the submitted questions, Dr. Ross asked panelists for their input on a potential evaluation of occupational therapy devices that may assist in management of symptoms of PD and ET, versus treating the disease itself. The panel also discussed possible use of surrogate endpoints in evaluating the use of these devices.

Closing Remarks. Dr. Ross and Mrs. Jensen extended thanks to the panelists, presenters, and public for participating in the meeting.

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m. EST, June 25, 2025.

I certify that I attended the meeting
of the Medicare Evidence Development
and Coverage Advisory Committee on
June 25, 2025, and that these minutes
accurately reflect what transpired.

Tara Hall

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MEDCAC Coordinator, CMS

I approve the minutes of this meeting
as recorded in this summary.

Joseph Ross

Joseph Ross, MD, MHS
MEDCAC Chair