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California Technology Assessment Forum

February 17, 2010
Hilton Hotel, San Francisco

Summary of Panel Actions

1. Call to Order and Welcome to Guests - Ezra Davidson, M.D.
2. Voted to approve the minutes from October 28, 2009 CTAF meeting
3. Technology Assessment Criteria review – Jeffrey Tice, M.D
4. Thirteen members of the CTAF panel were in attendance. This provided a quorum. The CTAF panel took the following actions:

A. Off-pump Versus On-pump Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting for Ischemic Heart Disease

The following recommendation was put before the CTAF panel for consideration:

- It is recommended that off-pump coronary artery bypass grafting does not meet California Technology Assessment Forum TA Criteria 4 or 5 for improvement in health outcomes

Following Panel discussion and expert testimony, a motion was made by the CTAF Panel Discussion Leader to accept the recommendation as written.

The panel voted ten in favor of the recommendation with two recusals and one abstention. The motion carried.

B. Vertebroplasty as a Treatment of Osteoporotic Vertebral Fractures

The following recommendation was put before the CTAF panel for consideration:

- It is recommended that vertebroplasty does not meet CTAF criteria 3 through 5 for safety, effectiveness and improvement in health outcomes for the treatment of osteoporotic vertebral compression fractures.

Following Panel discussion and expert testimony, a motion was made by the CTAF Chair to approve the recommendation as presented. The motion was seconded.

The CTAF panel voted eight in favor of the recommendation with two recusals and three abstentions.

The motion carried.

C. Radiofrequency Ablation for Treatment of Dysplastic Barrett's Esophagus

The following recommendation was put before the CTAF panel for consideration:

- It is recommended that:
 - Radiofrequency ablation for the treatment of Barrett's Esophagus meets CTAF Criteria 1 through 5 for the treatment of individuals with HGD.
 - Radiofrequency ablation for the treatment of Barrett's Esophagus does not meet CTAF Criteria 4 or 5 for the treatment of individuals with LGD

Following Panel discussion and expert testimony, a motion was made by the CTAF Panel Discussion Leader to table the topic until a later date when pending information can be considered by the panel in their decision.

The CTAF panel voted nine in favor and four against tabling the topic.

The motion carried.

D. Selective Internal Radiation Therapy or Radioembolization for Inoperable Liver Metastases from Colorectal Cancer

The following recommendation was put before the CTAF panel for consideration:

- It is recommended that radioembolization for the treatment of inoperable liver metastases from colorectal cancer does not meet CTAF TA Criteria 2 through 5 for safety, effectiveness and improvement in health outcomes.

Following Panel discussion a motion was made by the CTAF Panel Discussion Leader to approve the recommendation as presented in the assessment. The motion was seconded.

The panel voted unanimously in favor of the recommendation. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 P.M. The next meeting of the California Technology Assessment Forum will be held on June 2, 2010 at the Luxe Hotel in Los Angeles, CA.