

BLUE SHIELD OF CALIFORNIA FOUNDATION

California Technology Assessment Forum

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Luxe Hotel, Los Angeles

SUMMARY OF PANEL ACTIONS

1. Call to Order and Welcome to Guests - Ezra Davidson, M.D.
2. Voted to approve the minutes from February 17, 2010 CTAF meeting
3. Technology Assessment Criteria review – Judith Walsh, M.D, MPH
4. Fourteen members of the CTAF panel were in attendance. This provided a quorum. The CTAF panel took the following actions:

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

This topic was tabled at the February 2010 CTAF meeting. The panel reconsidered a vote on the recommendation for HGD. As there is a degree of uncertainty surrounding the recommendation for LGD it will remain tabled until additional information is available.

The following recommendation was moved and seconded for CTAF panel for reconsideration:

- It is recommended that RFA for the Treatment of BE meets CTAF Criteria 1-5 for the treatment of individuals with HGD.

The panel voted unanimously in favor of the recommendation.

B. Radiofrequency Ablation for the Treatment of Drug-Refractory Symptomatic Paroxysmal Atrial Fibrillation

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

- It is recommended that RFA as a treatment for paroxysmal atrial fibrillation refractory to drug therapy does not meet CTAF 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 consider an alternative recommendation.

It is recommended that RFA as a treatment for paroxysmal atrial fibrillation refractory to drug therapy meets CTAF criteria 1-5 for safety, effectiveness and improvement in health outcomes.

The motion was seconded.

The CTAF panel voted twelve in favor of the alternative recommendation and two opposed. The motion carried.

C. Metal on Metal Hip Resurfacing as an Alternative to Total Hip Arthroplasty

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

- It is recommended that metal on metal hip resurfacing using the BHR, Cormet 2000, or Conserve Plus devices does not meet CTAF criteria 3-5 for safety, efficacy and improvement in health outcomes for patients as an alternative to total hip arthroplasty.

Following Panel discussion and expert testimony, a motion was made by the CTAF Panel Discussion Leader to consider an alternate recommendation.

It is recommended that the procedure of metal on metal hip resurfacing by surgeons who have completed training using FDA-approved devices meets CTAF criteria 1 through 5 as an intervention for degenerative hip disease in appropriate patients younger or <65 who have an active life expectancy of more than 10 to 15 years.

This motion was seconded.

The CTAF panel voted seven in favor of the alternative recommendation with six opposed and one abstention. The motion carried.

D. The 70-Gene Signature (MammaPrint) as a Guide for the Management of Early Stage Breast Cancer

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

- It is recommended that the use of the 70-gene prognostic signature (MammaPrint) does not meet CTAF TA Criteria 3 through 5 for 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.

E. Menaflex Collagen Scaffold Surgical Mesh for Patients with Soft Tissue Injury to the Medial Meniscus

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

- It is recommended that use of a collagen meniscus implant for the treatment of irreparable medical meniscus injury does not meet CTAF TA Criteria 3 through 5 for 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 meeting was adjourned at 3:45 P.M. The next meeting of the California Technology Assessment Forum will be held on October 13, 2010 at the Mission Bay Conference Center in San Francisco, CA.