

**BLUE SHIELD OF CALIFORNIA FOUNDATION**

**California Technology Assessment Forum**

**October 13, 2010**

Mission Bay Conference Center, 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 June 2, 2010 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. Carotid Artery Stenting in Patients with Carotid Artery Stenosis

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

- It is recommended that carotid artery angioplasty with stenting does not meet California Technology Assessment Forum 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 twelve in favor of the recommendation with one abstention. The motion carried.

B. Gene Expression Profiling for the Diagnosis of Heart Transplant Rejection

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

- It is recommended that the use of gene expression profiling meets California Technology Assessment Forum TA criteria 1 through 5 for safety, effectiveness and improvement in health outcomes when used to manage heart transplant patients at least one year post-transplant.

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 CTAF panel voted twelve in favor of the recommendation one abstention. The motion carried.

C. Platelet-rich Plasma Injection for Achilles Tendinopathy

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

It is recommended that the use of platelet-rich plasma injections for the treatment of non-insertional Achilles tendinopathy does not meet California Technology Assessment Forum 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 CTAF panel voted unanimously in favor of the recommendation. The motion carried.

D. Sleeve Gastrectomy as a Stand Alone Bariatric Procedure for Obesity

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

- It is recommended that the use of SG does not meet CTAF Technology Assessment 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.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 P.M. The next meeting of the California Technology Assessment Forum will be held on February 16, 2011 at the Mission Bay Conference Center in San Francisco, CA.