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California Technology Assessment Forum

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Mission Bay Conference Center at UCSF, San Francisco, CA

SUMMARY OF PANEL ACTIONS

1. Call to Order and Welcome Guests – Dan Ulyot, M.D.
2. Voted to approve the minutes from June 29, 2011 CTAF meeting.
3. Technology Assessment Criteria review – Jeff Tice, M.D.
4. Eleven members of the California Technology Assessment Forum (CTAF) panel were in attendance from 1-2pm PST. This provided a quorum. At 2pm PST, another member attended the meeting bringing the total of voting members to 12 for the last three topics. The CTAF panel took the following actions:

A. Bronchial Thermoplasty for the Treatment of Severe Asthma

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

- It is recommended that use of bronchial thermoplasty for the treatment of severe, refractory asthma does not meet CTAF TA Criterion 3 through 5 for safety, effectiveness and improvement in health outcomes.

Following panel discussion, the CTAF Panel Discussion Leader offered an alternative recommendation.

- It is recommended that use of bronchial thermoplasty for the treatment of severe, refractory asthma meets CTAF TA Criteria for safety, effectiveness and improvement in health outcomes.

Following panel discussion on the alternative recommendation, the CTAF Panel Discussion Leader moved to approve the alternative recommendation.

The panel voted eight in favor of the alternative recommendation and three opposed. The motion carried.

B. Telemedicine in the Intensive Care Unit

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

- It is recommended that use of intensive care unit telemedicine does not meet CTAF TA Criterion 3 through 5 for safety, effectiveness and improvement in health outcomes.

Following panel discussion, the CTAF Panel Discussion Leader made the recommendation to postpone the vote on the topic until new data is published and can be considered by the panel in the near future. The motion was seconded.

The panel voted eleven in favor of postponing the vote on the topic and one against. 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 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.

D. Low Dose Spiral Computerized Tomography Screening for Lung Cancer

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

- It is recommended that the use of LDCT as a screening test for lung cancer does not meet CTAF criteria 3-5 because despite the mortality reduction seen with LDCT, whether or not there is a net benefit of screening is not yet known.

Following panel discussion, the CTAF Panel Discussion Leader offered an alternative recommendation:

- It is recommended that the use of LDCT as a screening test for lung cancer in high risk patients at specialized centers meets CTAF criteria.

Following panel discussion of the alternative recommendation, a motion was made by the CTAF Panel Discussion Leader to approve the alternative recommendation. The motion was seconded.

The panel voted nine in favor of the alternative recommendation and three opposed. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40P.M. The next meeting of the California Technology Assessment Forum will be held on February 12, 2012 at the Mission Bay Conference Center in San Francisco, California.