Final Committee Objectives 2020-21
Quality & Patient Safety Committee

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Measure Lifecycle Management
1. Manage the quality measure lifecycle at ACEP by:
   a. Creating, prioritizing, and suggesting quality measure concepts that align with the CMS Meaningful Measures Initiative to the CEDR Data Validation Subcommittee for development, testing, and implementation of new quality measures.
   b. Developing quality measures focused on health care disparity gaps.
   c. Developing quality measures related to the COVID-19 pandemic response.
   d. Performing maintenance on current ACEP measures and working with staff and vendors and make improvements or recommending measures for retirement.
2. Assist with the quality measure lifecycle on behalf of external organizations by monitoring quality initiatives and commenting on behalf of ACEP on the appropriateness of quality measures that impact the practice of emergency medicine, the emergency department, and the reimbursement of emergency physicians.
3. Provide oversight and feedback on new quality measures recommended for development.
4. Provide feedback on quality measures submitted from the Clinical Emergency Data Registry Measure and Data Validation Subcommittee and identify quality measures to recommend to the Board.

Clinical Policies and Federal Review
5. Comment on the quality provisions of government and non-governmental proposals requiring review for their impact on the delivery of emergency care, including but not limited to, the Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS), Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS), the Physician Fee Schedule (PFS), Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act (MACRA).
6. Coordinate with the Clinical Policies Committee to review any clinical policies under development or revision with potential implications on quality measurement, patient safety, or performance. (Clinical Policies Committee is the lead committee.)

Nominations
7. Nominate emergency physicians to represent ACEP to internal and external bodies that are developing quality measures that have relevance to the practice of emergency care.
8. Develop a process for ensuring representation of nominees from women and under-represented minorities.
9. Develop a resource of ACEP member experts in anticipated content domains primed for the nomination process.
10. Maintain a list of successful nominations and create a process for feeding back the outcomes of the work they are engaged in to the Quality & Patient Safety Committee and for broader dissemination through ACEP communication channels.

Education and Professional Development
11. Coordinate the Program Director Patient Safety and Quality (PDPQ educators network).
12. Educate ACEP and Quality & Patient Safety Committee members in quality measurement to develop new leaders for the quality measure development program.
13. Educate ACEP and Quality & Patient Safety Committee members regarding implementation and best practices for quality measures and federal quality measurement programs.

Implementation
14. Develop a process for collecting and collating successful local, regional, and national quality improvement and patient safety efforts in the specialty of emergency medicine
   a. Spotlight efforts within emergency medicine to reduce disparities in quality, patient safety, and health outcomes by gender and race/ethnicity.
   b. Develop a process for highlighting examples of these efforts through various ACEP communication channels and national outlets.
   c. Focus on broad dissemination for replication to feed quality improvement programs such as the CMS’ Quality Payment Program (QPP).
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15. Develop an antimicrobial stewardship toolkit as directed in Amended Resolution 38(18) Antimicrobial Stewardship. Seek input from the Public Health & Injury Prevention Committee. (Quality & Patient Safety is the lead committee.)

16. Determine the annual Quality & Patient Safety Committee emergency medicine QI Challenge recipients and/or “Choosing Wisely” champion.

17. Manage ACEP’s Choosing Wisely portfolio, including (1) conducting periodic evidence-based literature reviews to existing ACEP Choosing Wisely recommendations; and (2) promoting ACEP within the Choosing Wisely Champion program.