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1. Measure Lifecycle Management

- Manage the quality measure lifecycle at ACEP by:
 - a. Performing maintenance on current ACEP measures and working with staff and vendors and make improvements or recommending measures for retirement.
 - b. Reviewing five measures in development pipeline to determine if they are meaningful enough to move forward with development.
- Use information from 2018 Quality Measures Summit to develop and operationalize a Quality Measurement Strategic Plan.
- Research funding opportunities to support quality measure development and work with ACEP staff to complete funding proposals.

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- Educate members in quality measurement to develop new leaders for the quality measure development program.
- 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.
- Work with the APM task force to develop quality measures that might be used across both the MIPS and APM arms of the QPP program.

2. Nomination

- Nominate emergency physicians to represent ACEP to internal and external bodies develop quality measures that have relevance to the practice of emergency care.

3. Clinical Policies and Federal Review

- Comment on the quality provisions of the Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS), Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS), the Physician Fee Schedule (PFS), Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act (MACRA).
- Educate members regarding implementation and best practices for quality measures and federal quality measurement programs.
- Develop educational resources and tools to assist members with navigating the Merit-Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS).
- Work with content experts from the Federal Government Affairs Committee, Reimbursement Committee, and the Observation Section to develop an information paper on readmissions vs. observation as an “outcome” of quality measures. (Quality & Patient Safety is the lead committee.)

4. Patient Safety

- Work to improve quality and patient safety by ameliorating the effects of unconscious bias in clinical practice and closing knowledge and competency gaps in the treatment of diverse populations.
- Develop a behavioral health toolkit (Amended Resolution 14-16 Development & Application of Dashboard Quality Clinical Data Related to the Management of Behavioral Health Patients in the ED)
- Collect candidate quality improvement projects and develop improvement tools. Develop emergency medicine-specific improvement activities for the QPP program.