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Participants

Committee members participating in all or part of the meeting: Stephen J. Wolf, MD, FACEP, Chair; Richard Byyny, MD, MSc, FACEP, Methodologist; Stephen V. Cantrill, MD, FACEP, Liaison with Quality & Patient Safety Committee, and to the E-QUAL Steering Committee; Christopher R. Carpenter, MD, MSc, FACEP; Deborah B. Diercks, MD, MSc, FACEP; John T. Finnell, MD, FACEP, FACMI; Charles J. Gerardo, MD, MHS, FACEP; Christopher R. Carpenter, MD, MSc, FACEP; Deborah B. Diercks, MD, MSc, FACEP; John T. Finnell, MD, FACEP, FACMI; Charles J. Gerardo, MD, MHS, FACEP; Stephen A. Godwin, MD, FACEP; Sigrid A. Hahn, MD, MPH; Benjamin W. Hatten, MD, MPH, FACEP; Jason S. Haukoos, MD, MSc, FACEP, Methodologist; Sean M. Hickey, MD, EMRA Representative; Amy Kaji, MD, MPH, PhD, Methodologist; Heemun Kwok, MD, MS; Bruce M. Lo, MD, MBA, RDMS, FACEP; Sharon E. Mace, MD, FACEP, FAAP; Susan B. Promes, MD, MBA, FACEP; Kaushal H. Shah, MD, FACEP; Richard D. Shih, MD, FACEP; Scott M. Silvers, MD, FACEP; Michael D. Smith, MD, MBA, FACEP; Molly E.W. Thiessen, MD; Christian A. Tomaszewski, MD, MS, MBA, FACEP; Jonathan H. Valente, MD, FACEP; Yanling Yu, PhD, Advocate for Patient Safety.

Also present for all or part of the call: Amal Mattu, MD, FACEP, Subcommittee on Acute Heart Failure Syndromes; Mandie Mims, MLS, Staff Liaison; Travis Schulz, MLS, AHIP, Staff Liaison.

Agenda

1. Disclosures
2. Policy recommendations when selected literature has received a Class of Evidence Grade “X”
3. Discuss the latest draft of the acute heart failure syndromes clinical policy

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1. No new disclosures pertinent to the agenda were declared.

2. Dr. Gerardo queried the Committee on the best approach to making a recommendation for a critical question when selected literature has received a Class of Evidence Grade “X.” The Committee made several suggestions and recommendations. Dr. Wolf will work with ACEP staff to compile the options proposed and bring the options back to the Committee for further discussion.

3. Dr. Silvers led the discussion on the draft acute heart failure syndromes clinical policy with assistance from the subcommittee (Dr. Gemme, Dr. Hickey, and Dr. Mattu). The Committee suggested edits to the draft. The subcommittee will incorporate the suggested changes and the Committee will review the revised draft.