

Dr. Robert Bree Collaborative
Lumbar Fusion Bundled Payment Model Re-Review Workgroup Minutes
Tuesday, September 25th, 2018 | 3:00-4:30
Foundation for Health Care Quality

Members Present

Robert Mecklenburg, MD, Virginia Mason (Co-Chair)	Vickie Kolios-Morris, MSHSA, CPHQ, Senior Program Director, SCOAP
Kerry Schaefer, MS, King County (Co-Chair)	Sharon Eloranta, MD, CHI Franciscan
Andrew Friedman,* MD, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Virginia Mason Medical Center	Gary Franklin,* MD, Labor and Industries
Linda Radach,* Washington Advocates for Patient Safety	Farrokh Farrokhi,* MD, Neurosurgeon, Virginia Mason Medical Center
Michael Hatzakis,* MD, Overlake	Arman Dagal,* Medical Director, Spine COAP
Lydia Bartholomew,* MD, Aetna	Andrew Friedman,* MD, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Virginia Mason Medical Center

Staff/Guests

Alicia Parris, Bree Collaborative	Dayna Weatherly, Proliance Surgeons
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* By phone/web conference

WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS

Robert Mecklenburg, MD, Virginia Mason, and Kerry Schaefer, MS, King County, opened the meeting. All those present introduced themselves.

Motion: Approve 8/28/18 minutes.

Outcome: Passed with unanimous support.

LUMBAR FUSION BUNDLE AND WARRANTY REWRITES

1. The group reviewed the action items from the previous meeting minutes and discussed:
 - Information about current LF volume at Washington hospitals
 - Dayna Weatherly, Proliance Surgeons, shared 2017 data for lumbar fusions by surgeon and site of service which was partial data
 - 22 surgeons spread from Olympia to Anacortes
 - “Multiple” facilities would meet the proposed volume standard based on Western Washington data

Action Item: Dayna Weatherly, Proliance Surgeons, will research facility data

2. Group viewed the consensus conference article “*A proposed set of metrics for standardized outcome reporting in the management of low back pain*” and discussed:
 - There was consensus on EQ-5D and ODI as standards
 - Affirmation of the selection of ODI for use as a standard in the bundle
3. Group viewed *Lumbar Fusion Bundle and Warranty Cycle IV* along with *WSHA Reducing Readmissions toolkit: Tool 5* and discussed:
 - Whether the Social/Resource Barriers Assessment requirements adequate or should more specification be added to the bundle

- Group agreed home environment should be addressed in the before the patient has been operated on
 - Added *Cycle II.3* “Assess home environment for safety and home support”
 - Added *Cycle IV.3* “Assess home environment for safety and adequate support”
- 4. Group viewed *PROMIS 10 Global Health* and discussed:
 - Whether questions 7 & 10 of *PROMIS 10* as referenced in the bundle were those related to activity and pain
 - Activity and pain questions were questions 6 and 7 respectively
 - *Quality Standards 1.c* were updated to require documentation of questions 6 & 7
 - Corrected in Appendix C as well
- 5. Group viewed the entire Draft Lumbar Fusion Bundle and discussed
 - *Cycle III.B.3.a.* was changed to read “Employ measures to reduce blood loss and need for transfusion”
 - *Cycle II.A.k* added “Screen for anemia and manage as necessary.”
- 6. Group viewed *Draft Lumbar Fusion Bundle: Quality Standards* and discussed:
 - *Quality Standards 3.a.* requires patient reported measures of disability and quality of life at 3 & 12 mos.
 - Group agreed to add to *3.a* “24 months is possible”
 - 2 years for maximum improvement, and risk for reoperation
 - Added if possible to address current feasibility issues
- 7. Group viewed *HCAHPS Survey* to confirm alignment with questions cited in bundle:
 - Questions 22-25 aligned with questions intended to be cited in bundle
 - Dayna Weatherly shared generic patient satisfaction survey voluntarily used by Proliance
 - Added *Quality Standards 4.c.* “Other validated measures as available pertinent to non-hospital site of service.”
- 8. Group viewed the *Elective Lumbar Fusion Warranty* and discussed:
 - Whether warranty restricted to single level fusion
 - Safety standards apply to all fusion levels
 - Gary Franklin, MD, Labor and Industries, noted that *Procedure Codes* focus on posterior fusion, many fusions are circumferential “360” fusions

Action Item: Dr. Mecklenburg will include fusions in addition to posterior lumbar fusions and other procedures

- 9. Group viewed table *Warranty period and other terms* and discussed:
 - Why “death” was removed from complications list

Action Item: Dr Mecklenburg to check on why “death” was removed

- 10. Group viewed Appendix C: Detailed Quality Standards:
 - Corrected PROMIS 10 questions to align with survey in sections *1c* and *3c*
 - Linda Radach asked about concurrent surgeries

Action Item: Alicia Parris will add language from Total Hip and Knee Replacement Bundle addressing concurrent surgeries

GOOD OF THE ORDER/OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Mecklenburg thanked those who attended and asked for public comments and final comments. The meeting was adjourned.