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

* 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

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**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.