



PQA Patient Safety Cluster Group



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Recap of 2008 patient safety activities



- Three patient safety measures presented to full membership -- two endorsed:
 - High Alert Drug Review
 - High Alert Drug Counseling
- Proposed measures evaluated by the Quality Measurement Expert Panel
 - QMEP approved measures to advance to specification development, validation and testing



Recap of 2008 patient safety activities



- PQA Patient Safety ad-hoc committee began collaboration with the National Business Coalition on Health (NBCH)
- Measures to be incorporated into eValue8, an evidence-based report on health plan quality and performance
 - Two measures developed:
 - Drug-Drug Interactions
 - Duplicate Drug Conflicts



2009 Patient Safety Activities



- Established a guiding principle that patient safety measures should be practical, actionable and implementable as part of program, product or service that has a core set of measures
 - Potential stakeholders should discuss and test the practicality and applicability of potential measures
- No new measures developed, but shifted focus to external collaboration



2009 Patient Safety Activities



- Established process with NBCH for PQA involvement with all medication-related measures in eValue8
 - PQA to consult on both appropriateness and feasibility of new and existing measures
 - 2009 work directed at refinement of drug-drug interaction and duplicate drug therapy measures
 - Stakeholder group formed
 - Content expert meetings to follow



2009 Patient Safety Activities



- Preliminary discussions of potential measure concepts for community pharmacy accreditation
 - Initial discussions with NABP and URAC
 - Stakeholder group formed; meetings to follow

- 2009-2010 Next Steps to be determined



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Questions / Comments?