

**MEETING MINUTES
OF THE
CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES
MEDICARE EVIDENCE DEVELOPMENT & COVERAGE
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

June 17, 2009

**Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
7500 Security Boulevard
Baltimore, Maryland**

Medicare Evidence Development & Coverage Advisory Committee

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Attendees

Clifford Goodman, Ph.D.
Chairperson

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Vice-Chairperson

Maria A. Ellis
Executive Secretary

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Joshua P. Prager, M.D., M.S.

CMS Liaison

Marcel Salive, M.D.

Industry Representative

Jose Alvir, Dr.P.H.

Guest Speakers

Donald Berry, Ph.D.
Steven Goodman, Ph.D.
Roger Lewis, M.D., Ph.D.
Sharon-Lise Normand, Ph.D.
Gillian Sanders, Ph.D.

Wednesday, June 17, 2009, 8:10 a.m.

The Medicare Evidence Development & Coverage Advisory Committee met on June 17, 2009, to discuss the evidence, hear presentations and public comment, and make recommendations regarding the use of Bayesian statistics to interpret evidence in making coverage decisions.

The meeting began with a reading of a conflict of interest statements, welcoming remarks, and an introduction of the Committee.

CMS Presentation of Voting Questions. A CMS representative presented the panel and audience with the questions to be considered and discussed or voted on by the panel.

Scheduled Presentations. The panel heard presentations from five speakers, addressing Bayesian Concepts I and II, Application of Bayesian Concepts in Clinical Decision Making, Application of Bayesian Concepts in Policy Decision Making, and Meta-Analyses of ICDs.

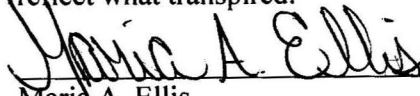
Scheduled Public Comments. The panel heard from one speaker addressing the importance of applying Bayesian methods to follow-up studies and registries in instances where CMS has issued conditional national coverage decisions.

Questions to Presenters and Open Panel Discussion. There was an extensive questioning period where the panel was given the opportunity to pose questions to the presenters, followed by a discussion by the panel on each discussion and voting question they were being asked to address.

Formal Discussion and Voting. The panel made remarks regarding their opinions concerning Question 1 and its subparts. The panel then voted on Questions 2 and 3 and their subparts. The results of the voting were shown to the public on cards and recorded by staff.

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

I certify that I attended the meeting
of the Medicare Coverage Advisory
Committee on June 17, 2009,
and that these minutes accurately
reflect what transpired.



Maria A. Ellis
Executive Secretary, MEDCAC, CMS

I approve the minutes of this meeting
as recorded in this summary.



Clifford Goodman, Ph.D.
Chairperson