

Agenda
Policy Advisory Panel
Joint Replacement Rehabilitation
In IRFs & SNFs

September 27, 2005
NRH Teleconference Center

I. Welcome **08:15-08:30**

G DeJong, PhD, Study PI

Representative from SNF industry

J Davis, Vice President for Inpatient Operations
HealthSouth Corporation

II. Participant introductions & stakeholder interests **08:30-09:00**

Each participant also identify the nature of their organization's interests in the study's research questions. How the study relates to the mission of their organization.

III. Meeting objectives **09:00-09:10**

1. Ensure the study is responsive to clinical practice and policy issues facing stakeholders.
2. Determine how the changing policy environment may be affecting current practices and thus affect study design and potential results
3. Discuss outstanding methodological issues that the study team needs to address. Identify additional potential data sources
4. Discuss the potential merits of a follow-up component.
5. Advise regarding alternative approaches to addressing cost-effectiveness issues.
6. Advise how the Project Team can communicate with stakeholders most effectively over the course of the study.

IV. Research Plan overview

09:10-09:40

Power Point presentation followed by Q & A (pts of information/clarification only)

1. Background
2. Study questions
3. Study approach
4. Study design

V. Research Plan Discussion

09:40-12:00

1. How might the current policy environment impact practice patterns and thus the study? The stepwise implementation of the new 75% rule? LCD decisions? Resurgence of Medicare managed care? New payment policy for SNFs?
2. What are some of the trade-offs in study design that the Project Team should consider?
3. What additional questions would the Panel want to see addressed within the scope and resources available to the study?
4. What additional data sources should the Project Team take into consideration in conducting the study?
5. What other studies are underway or contemplated about which the Project Team should be aware and dovetail with?
6. What additional steps should the Project Team undertake to ensure the generalizability of the study's findings?

VI. Lunch

12:00-12:40

VII. Welcome from NRH

12:40-12:45

Edward Eckenhoff, President & CEO

VIII. Afternoon topics

12:45-14:50

A. Waiver request

B. Follow-up study

1. Current thinking
2. Suggested data points

C. *Cost-effectiveness/cost-savings analyses*

1. Framing the cost-effectiveness issues
2. Alternative cost-effectiveness approaches
 - a. The more simple-and-easy approach
 - b. The more detailed-and-intense approach

IX. Project Communication Plan

14:50-15:10

1. What kinds of ongoing communication would Panel members like to receive as the study progresses?
2. What kinds of press releases, newsletter articles, and other materials would like the Panel members see developed for their organization's respective newsletters and other communication outlets?

X. Panel Summary & Recommendations

15:10-15:30

XI. Future Meetings & Adjournment

15:30-15:45

