

Value Analysis Committee Meeting Minutes - September 28, 2012

Topic	Discussion	Responsible Party	Action	Follow-Up Date
Value Analysis Committee Members Present:	Dr Walsh, Dr Garay, Dr Bimonte, Peggy Petrucelli, Cris Amato, Ed Hvitfelt, Carla Rivera			
Approval of Minutes	Minutes from the August 15th VAC meeting were approved.			
Provena CEI	Peggy Petrucelli reviewed advantages of negative pressure KCI Provena system for C Section, Diabetic and Obese patients. Dr Bimonte stated first case went well, \$500 each.	Peggy Petrucelli	Dr Walsh would like to see ROI, revenue potential, readmission reduction potential. Peggy will create policy	12/19/2012
Vernacare	Cris Amato mentioned good outcome from Vernacare paper Patient Utensils conversion. Cleaner with no smell or garbage bag accumulation, safer for staff. Maylene recommended looking at Med / Surg	Ed Hvitfelt	Dr Walsh would like to know if cost effective for whole house. Critical Care willing to trial next.	12/19/2012
CRRT and Ultrafiltration	Dr Walsh supports NxStage equipment to remove fluid from CHF patients and perform Plasmaphoresis. Will reduce >30 day readmissions which will not be reimbursed. Indicated for post Cardiovascular Surgery patients, Dr Krause, Dr Haddad and Renal physicians support this therapy. Central Line (not PICC) required, avoids clotting and need for Heparin.	Ed Hvitfelt	Dr Walsh requested policy to be created, expedite capital approval process.	12/19/2012
Cell Saver trial	Dr Walsh approved Open Heart Surgery evaluation of Cell Saver equipment from Sorin and Medtronic	Debbie Braswell		12/19/2012