

Physician **MEMO**

To | Active Medical Staff & Allied Health Providers

From | Bruce D. Walley, MD – SVP Medical Staff Services
Patrick Healy, MD – VP Clinical Improvement

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Re | **Quality Measures – Patient Discharge**

There has been some confusion about who is responsible for the Quality Measures at the time of discharge. It is the consensus of the Quality Measures Committee that the DISCHARGING PHYSICIAN (or provider extender) is responsible for making sure the patient is discharged on the correct medications. Patients seen in consultation by cardiology might not be seen on the day of discharge. It is unreasonable to believe that the consultant can be certain that the patient is discharged on the proper anti-lipid therapy and proper ant-platelet therapy.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.