

QIBA Ultrasound Shear Wave Speed (SWS) Biomarker Committee (BC)

Wednesday, October 20, 2021; 2 PM CT

Call Summary

In attendance

David Fetzer, MD (Co-Chair)

Stephen McAleavey, PhD (Co-Chair)

Stephen Rosenzweig, PhD (Co-Chair)

Karen Alton, BS, RDMS, RVT

Michael André, PhD

Peter Chang, PhD, PMP

Jun Chen, PhD

Todd Erpelding, PhD, MSE

Timothy J. Hall, PhD

Rik Hansen, PhD

Reinhard Kubale, MD

Nancy Obuchowski, PhD

Arinc Ozturk, MD

Mark Palmeri, MD, PhD

Michelle L. Robbin, MD

Keith Wear, PhD

Jim Zagzebski, PhD

RSNA

Joe Koudelik

Julie Lisiecki

Moderator: Dr. Fetzer

The following were discussed:

- Simplifying the checklist for ease of use and to encourage adoption
- Narrowing down the checklist to items that are **required** (essential to meet the claim) vs. those that are **recommended** (considered best practices)
- Frequency of QA and what requirements to address.

Next Steps per QIBA Process Committee

- Clean up the checklist sheet (keep most/all the recommended lines, migrate normative material from Notes into Requirements, clean up any ambiguities)
- Get BC approval of the checklist modifications - possibly via a voice vote
- Resynch the Profile so the table contents match the updated checklists
- Circulate the updated Profile & Checklist for BC approval– focus on approving technical content of the Profile (Resolve any comments that come in)
- Circulate the resulting Profile & Checklist for formal CC approval (email ballot) – focus on approving the BC is doing everything properly (Resolve any ballot comments that come in)
- Publish as Stage 2: Consensus and move on to Stage 3: Technical Confirmation. (Road test those new checklists.)

Action items:

- Co-chairs (and Dr. Ozturk) to match up the Profile text with latest Checklist revisions
- Co-chairs to send their latest version of the Checklist (with tracked changes) to the BC for a thorough review prior to the next call on November 17th and allow 3 weeks or so for review
- *Future action item:* A pilot study may be needed to determine the impact of adjustments to test accuracy, reasonable use of QA, and what is considered *required* vs. *too onerous* to include in the Profile and checklist

Profile Approval Process: See voting and balloting process links: <http://qibawiki.rsna.org/index.php/Process>

Next call – *Wednesday, November 17th at 2 pm CT*

11/10	US CC at 2 pm CT
11/17	SWS BC – 3rd Wednesday @ 2 pm CT
12/15	SWS BC – 3rd Wednesday @ 2 pm CT