Take Your Seat at NQF’s Table.
Be at the Forefront of Discussion.

NQF’s members are a driving force in the quality movement. Early organizational work led to the creation of nationally used, standardized measures and clear healthcare improvement priorities. New NQF responsibilities conferred by legislation place NQF at the center of solving complex measurement issues. Our members’ expertise is critical to offering the government well-rounded counsel that bridges public and private sector interests.

Participate in Standard Setting via Measure Endorsement Work.

NQF-endorsed measures are considered the gold standard for healthcare measurement in the United States. Members are first in line to serve on expert panels that review and make endorsement recommendations. Members’ comments help influence these discussions, and our membership votes send important signals to the NQF Board of Directors who are ultimately accountable for endorsement decisions.

Recommend Measures for Use in Payment and Public Reporting Programs.

By 2017, nine percent of all Medicare payments will be performance-based. Under legislated authority, the NQF-convened Measure Applications Partnership advises the federal government and private sector payers on the optimal measures for use in specific payment and accountability programs. This input is part of the growing push toward tying payment and quality together to achieve value.

Set National Priorities for Improving Healthcare Value and Take Actions to Achieve Them.

We can only achieve a safer, more value-driven healthcare system when all of those involved work together, with a shared vision, common purpose, and coordinated plan of attack. Through NQF-convened partnerships, such as the National Priorities Partnership, our members help set and shape national healthcare improvement priorities, and then figure out the best courses of action to meet them.

Build Relationships Across the Healthcare Spectrum.

NQF is made up of some of the most prominent healthcare organizations in the nation. When you join NQF, you have access to these various organizations, and opportunity to share your organization’s experiences.

Our membership draws from everyone interested in healthcare, including consumers, health plans, health professionals, providers, public health agencies, purchasers, researchers, and suppliers. Members build rapport with each other, create business relationships that can influence their bottom line, and work together with peers to advance quality improvement efforts.

Gain Access to Informational Resources.

Healthcare quality improvement is a complex and rapidly changing field. As an NQF member, you’ll have access to educational opportunities and information geared toward helping you do your job.
Who is the National Quality Forum?

Established in 1999, the National Quality Forum (NQF) is a nonprofit and nonpartisan organization that reviews, endorses, and recommends use of healthcare performance measures. These measures serve as the information base of federal, state, and private sector initiatives focused on enhancing the value of healthcare services.

NQF is governed by a diverse Board of Directors. It is 450 members strong; its membership spans all those interested in healthcare. Consumers and others who purchase healthcare sit side-by-side with those who provide care and others in the healthcare industry.

Why We Need NQF

In recent years, our nation awakened to a sobering reality: our healthcare system, that delivers innovative help and healing, also generates preventable harm. People suffer and die from avoidable errors. We have healthcare ‘have and have-nots’ in our society. Our collective healthcare costs are growing for services that often generate little value. All the while, we as a nation are experiencing more life-debilitating disease and watching our overall indicators of health slip.

Dedicated people from all over the country have committed themselves to changing these trends. They agree that in order to get to a more value-driven, sustainable, and safe healthcare system, we need information that helps providers and hospitals know how they are doing so they can improve; allow payers to purchase healthcare services on the basis of value not volume; guide patients and their families in making care decisions rather than guesses; and alert all of us to any patient safety problems.

With these goals in mind, NQF emerged as key in transforming American healthcare to be more information-rich. NQF’s signature consensus-driven processes, recognized by the Office of Management and Budget, ensure its endorsed healthcare measures and measure use recommendations are supported by both evidence and the broadest group of those impacted by its work.
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Great work has been done—but there is much more to do.

It will take everyone with a stake in healthcare to come together and take action for us to meet our national goals of better, more affordable care, healthy people, and healthier communities.

By joining NQF, you will find many opportunities to influence the direction of quality improvement. Members shape their own experience at NQF depending on the time they have to commit or the issues they are most passionate about.

Join NQF Today.
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Become a part of healthcare improvement solutions at NQF.

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