

THE NATIONAL QUALITY FORUM

CALL FOR PLANNING COMMITTEE

Towards a Comprehensive Cancer Measure Set-Episode of Care

With this notice, NQF is seeking nominations for members of a Planning Committee to plan and execute a workshop designed to provide the government with recommendations for a path forward for cancer quality measurement including a research agenda. The workshop is being funded by the National Cancer Institute and the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. **All nominations must be submitted by 6:00 pm Eastern Daylight Time, December 5, 2007.**

BACKGROUND: Although significant gains have been made in both the prevention and treatment of cancer, many individuals do not receive the evidence-based interventions, such as screenings and adjuvant therapies, known to be effective in the early diagnosis and subsequent management of their disease. Building on the work of public and private sector initiatives, the NQF is working to identify a comprehensive cancer measure set and to potentially apply the NQF framework for assessing “episode efficiency” for chronic conditions to cancer care. Given the longitudinal nature of oncologic disease, with its discreet treatment phases, the complexity and diversity of care-givers, and the vital role of patient empowerment knowledge, cancer emerges as an excellent paradigm for exploring the need to move towards this episodic assessment of what constitutes optimal care and how this can be achieved in the most efficient manner.

NQF is convening a Planning Committee whose role will be twofold: (1) to assist in defining the scope of a white paper; and (2) to plan and execute a workshop. Specifically this includes developing the workshop agenda, identifying speakers and invited participants, and providing input/feedback on the white paper and workshop summary. This project will not be endorsing measures but rather will help guide the future development of cancer quality measures.

CONSIDERATION AND SUBSTITUTION: Priority will be given to NQF Members. Please note that nominations for the Planning Committee are of an individual, not an organization, so “substitutions” for meetings are not permitted.

TIME COMMITMENT: Nominees must be willing to participate in 2-3, 60 minute conference calls from December 2007 through March 2008, in addition to participating in a one-day workshop in Washington, DC in the Spring of 2008.

MATERIAL TO SUBMIT: Self nominations are welcome. Third-party nominations must indicate that the individual has been contacted and is willing to serve. To be considered for participation on the Planning Committee, please send the following information:

- a 2-page letter of interest, highlighting experience/knowledge relevant to performance measurement and public reporting;
- curriculum vitae (CV) and/or list of relevant experience up to 20 additional pages; and
- complete contact information (address, phone, fax, *and* e-mail).

Please do not send additional material at this time.

Information should be delivered fax/U.S. mail/overnight/hand delivery to NQF at:

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DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: All nominations must be submitted by 6:00 pm EDT, December 5, 2007. Please do not rely *only* on e-mail to submit nominations.

QUESTIONS: If you have questions, please contact Meetal Desai, at 202.783.1300 ext. 179 or via e-mail, mdesai@qualityforum.org.