



**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS TO EXPERT PANEL**  
Planned Readmissions Ad-hoc Review

An ad hoc review may be conducted on an endorsed measure at any time if one or more of the following criteria are met:

- the evidence supporting the measure has changed,
- implementation of the measure results in unintended consequences, and/or
- material changes have been made to the measure.

Ad hoc reviews can be requested at any time by any party, as long as there is adequate evidence to justify the review.

This project seeks to assess currently endorsed NQF measures that have been updated to include planned readmissions.

**BACKGROUND:** NQF has endorsed consensus standards applicable to all-cause hospital readmissions in the previous: [National Voluntary Consensus Standards for Hospital Care 2007: Additional Performance Measures](#) project, Phase I of the [National Voluntary Consensus Standards for Hospital Care: Outcomes and Efficiency](#) project focused on endorsing hospital readmission measures, the [Cardiovascular Endorsement Maintenance 2010](#) project and the [Surgery Endorsement Maintenance 2010](#) project

**EXPERT PANEL:** An Expert Ad-hoc Panel will oversee the review of the updates to the following measures and determine whether these material changes are consistent with the Scientific Acceptability criterion:

- 0330 Hospital 30-day all-cause risk-standardized readmission rate following heart failure hospitalization for patients 18 and older,
- 0505 Hospital 30-day all-cause risk-standardized readmission rate (RSRR) following acute myocardial infarction (AMI) hospitalization,
- 1551 Hospital-level 30-day all-cause risk-standardized readmission rate (RSRR) following elective primary total hip arthroplasty (THA) and total knee arthroplasty(TKA), and
- 1789 Hospital-wide all-cause unplanned readmission measure (HWR)

This ad hoc review will have two phases. The updated specifications and analyses for planned readmissions for measures 0330, 0505 and 1551 will be provided and reviewed in the first phase, followed by the hospital-wide e readmission measure (1789) for the planned readmission algorithm, dry run results, and progress toward harmonization in the second phase.

The Expert Panel should reflect expertise and possess relevant knowledge and/or proficiency in outcome quality measurement and implementation, risk adjustment and/or clinical expertise to include,

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but not limited to: planned readmissions related to all-cause hospital readmission, and planned readmissions related to the following conditions: acute myocardial infarction (AMI) and congestive heart failure (CHF), hip/knee arthroplasty, orthopedics and surgical/cardiac sub-specialist.

**Expert Panel members should not have a vested interest in the candidate measures. This includes employees or contractors of measure owners/developers; members of workgroups that developed the measures; and members of committees that approve measures, or direct or set policy for measure development.** Please see the NQF website for additional information about the [conflict of interest policy](#). All potential Expert Panel members must disclose any current and past activities during the nomination process.

The Expert Panel will work with NQF staff to provide advice about the subject, ensure input is obtained from relevant stakeholders, review draft documents, and make recommendations to NQF Members and the Consensus Standards Approval Committee (CSAC).

**TIME COMMITMENT:** *The Expert Panel will meet in person for a day in Washington, DC. on November 5, 2012.* Panel members must be available to attend the meeting. Additionally, Panel members will meet via conference calls may be needed.

**CONSIDERATION AND SUBSTITUTION:** Priority will be given to nominations from NQF Members. Please note that nominations are to an individual, not an organization, so “substitutions” of other individuals from an organization at conference calls are not permitted.

**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 appointment to the Expert Panel, please send the following information:

- a completed Nomination Form;
- confirmation of availability to participate in the November 5<sup>th</sup> meeting
- a 2-page letter of interest and a short biography (750 characters), highlighting experience/knowledge relevant to the expertise described above and involvement in candidate measure development;
- curriculum vitae or list of relevant experience (e.g., publications) up to 20 pages; and
- a completed disclosure of interest form.

***Materials should be submitted through the project page on the NQF website.***

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**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION:** All nominations MUST be submitted by 6:00 pm ET on Monday, October 1, 2012.

**QUESTIONS:** If you have any questions, please contact Taroon Amin, MA, MPH or Ashley Morsell, MPH at 202.783.1300 or [measuremaintenance@qualityforum.org](mailto:measuremaintenance@qualityforum.org). Thank you for your assistance.

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