



National Quality Forum: Eye Care, Ear, Nose and Throat (EENT) Conditions Measures Endorsement Project

NQF is currently seeking to fill gaps for the EENT project in the following areas: consumers and purchasers. Please contact the project team at EENT@qualityforum.org, if you would like to submit a nomination. Thank you for your interest.

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Dan Merenstein, MD is a family physician and tenured associate professor at Georgetown University. Prior to joining Georgetown in 2005, he spent three years in private practice, followed by two years at Johns Hopkins as a Robert Wood Johnson (RWJ) Clinical Scholar. When not seeing patients and teaching, Dr. Merenstein serves a clinical trialist focusing on functional foods and respiratory infections. He's had a longstanding clinical interest in sinusitis, and was awarded a grant to conduct the United State' first primary care acute sinusitis trial. Dr. Merenstein has a wealth of expertise in the evaluation and treatment of respiratory infections.

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Dr. Kathleen Yaremchuk is Chairman of the Department of Otolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, Michigan and a member of the Division of Sleep Medicine. She is a senior examiner for the American Board of Otolaryngology and a Director for the American Academy of Otolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery. Dr. Yaremchuk has served as Vice President of Clinical Performance for the Henry Ford Medical Group and is responsible for developing and maintaining Pay for Performance programs from government and private insurance companies. She has been a physician surveyor and served on the Review Oversight Committee for NCQA.

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As a quality consultant for Quality, Safety & Risk Prevention at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Dr. Tamala Bradham is at the forefront of health care reform, evidence-based practices,

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Matthew Carnahan, MD, MS, is Chief of Ophthalmology at The Permanente Medical Group, Chair of the Kaiser Permanente Interregional Chiefs of Ophthalmology, and Assistant Physician in Chief of Surgical Services in Santa Rosa. Over the last decade, he has been responsible for developing and ensuring implementation of screenings for a multitude of ocular pathologies, as well as office and surgical models focused on quality and safety in a setting of increased efficiency. Dr. Carnahan earned his BS from the University of California, Davis, and his MS in Physiology and MD from the Chicago Medical School.

Scott Friedman, MD

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Dr. Scott Friedman is a board certified ophthalmologist with over 30 years of experience. He has published extensively in his field and has participated in numerous clinical research projects for both industry and the federal government. He is also on the Editorial Board for the journal RETINA and periodically reviews articles for all major ophthalmology journals.

Dr. Friedman has represented the AAO at the NQF for eight years and has served on a CSAC TAP committee. He has also been involved in measure development through the AMA-PCPI, and has represented the AAO in the SQA and AQA.

Seth Goldberg, MD

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Dr. Goldberg is a Medical Director with expertise in the areas of quality improvement, peer review, credentialing, utilization review, and the implementation and monitoring of evidence-based medicine. He is an accomplished otolaryngologist-facial plastic surgeon, with substantial experience conducting accreditation surveys of outpatient health care facilities for the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC) and consultative services for content and marketing. Strengths include implementation of utilization management, coding and payment policy, evidence-based guidelines, handling of provider appeals, and the ability to communicate the basis for these guidelines and policies to support personnel and health care providers.

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Judith Lynch has been a family nurse practitioner for 40 years and has practiced in a variety of settings. She graduated from Boston College and Binghamton University and has held academic appointments at Binghamton, Yale, and Sacred Heart Universities. Ms. Lynch holds extensive clinical experience in otorhinolaryngology and allergy as well as women's health and primary care. She has spoken to nurse practitioner audiences both nationally and internationally and has written many articles about ENT health problems.

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Dr. Patel graduated with a BS in Pharmacology from SUNY Stony Brook (Cum Laude) in 1996, and a Pharm.D. from University of Southern California in 2002. Dr. Patel completed an M.S. in Pharmaceutical Economics and Policy at USC through a fully funded fellowship. Dr. Patel currently serves as the Director of Ophthalmology for U.S. Health Outcomes at Allergan, a pioneer in developing ophthalmological treatments, with over eleven years of experience working in health

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Todd Rambasek was born in Cleveland the son of an ophthalmologist and a biology teacher. He attended St Ignatius High School where he was named a National Merit Finalist and then went on to study Biochemistry at the University of Notre Dame. During medical school at Case Western Reserve University he did research on the allergic basis of asthma and then served as a resident and chief resident in Internal Medicine at University Hospitals of Cleveland. He currently practices in a small multi-specialty group with four otolaryngologists and two allergists. Their emphasis is on interdisciplinary care of patients with complex allergic sinus disease. His wife, Michele Geraci, is an Internist at MetroHealth Medical Center. They both have a strong interest in the needs of the medically underserved.

Andrew Schachat, MD

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Andrew Schachat, MD was born in NYC. He graduated from Princeton in 1975, and Johns Hopkins University (JHU) School of Medicine in 1979. Dr. Schachat became Professor of Ophthalmology and Oncology at JHU and now is the Vice Chair of Ophthalmology at the Cleveland Clinic. He has authored about 350 peer reviewed articles, and was the editor of a leading clinical eye journal in the world for ten years while being an editor of the definitive retina text book. He has many years on focus on outcomes, quality, and safety. Additionally, he has extensive clinical trial experience and understand "measures".

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Dr. Stein is a board-certified ophthalmologist and fellowship-trained glaucoma specialist with 10 years of experience caring for patients with ocular diseases. In addition, he is a health services researcher who has published extensively on topics including eye service utilization, safety and outcomes of ocular surgical procedures, costs of eye care, quality of life of patients with ocular diseases and the cost-effectiveness of different interventions for glaucoma, diabetic retinopathy, and macular degeneration. His training includes a master's degree in Evaluative Clinical Sciences from Dartmouth College and a Health Policy fellowship at the Center for Healthcare Research and Transformation.

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Steven Strode, M.D., M.Ed., M.P.H., FAAFP, family physician, serves as a consultant for the Arkansas Disability Determination for Social Security Administration. In his career he has held numerous clinical, academic, and advisory positions with the University of Arkansas and Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System, and Arkansas's QIO, Arkansas Foundation for Medical Care. Dr. Strode has had a longstanding interest in quality improvement and performance measurement, and his work has been reflected in measurement and clinical guideline work groups. As an experienced family doctor, educator, author, editor, and professional leader, Dr. Strode has been recognized with numerous awards.

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Jacquelyn Youde, AuD is a lean healthcare consultant with international healthcare experience who has spent her career delivering patient-centered evidence-based care, implementing performance and quality outcome measures, and increasing efficiency in private, academic and non-profit healthcare delivery models. She is passionate about defining strategies that strengthen healthcare organizations for the long term by reducing cost, improving quality and facilitating growth and expansion. Her commitment to collaboration has engendered continuous recognition for outstanding performance from colleagues, leadership, patients and clients. Dr. Youde's experience provides a unique approach to analyzing complex healthcare issues and advancing actionable solutions.