CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
NATIONAL VOLUNTARY CONSENSUS STANDARDS FOR PATIENT SAFETY

The National Quality Forum (NQF) is seeking nominations to fill the following identified gap:

- Experience and expertise with patient safety in the ambulatory surgical center (ASC) environment.

Nominees should also bring knowledge and expertise in the areas of medication safety and prevention/measurement of healthcare associated infections in the ASC environment.

BACKGROUND
There is a recognized need to expand available patient safety measures beyond the hospital setting and harmonize safety measures across sites and settings of care. To fill these gaps and develop a stronger set of safety measures, NQF has solicited patient safety measures to fill gap areas and to address environment-specific issues with the highest potential leverage for improvement. Nominated individuals may be utilized for the Patient Safety Measures Steering Committee and/or the Healthcare Associated Infection (HAI) Technical Advisory Panel.

Committee members should not have a vested interest in the candidate measures. Employees or contractors of measure owners/developers; members of workgroups that developed measures; and members of committees that approve measures, direct, or set policy for measure development should not apply. Click here to go to the NQF website for additional information about the conflict of interest policy. All potential committee members must disclose any current and past activities during the nomination process.

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

MATERIAL TO SUBMIT: Please note that self-nominations are welcome. Third-party nominations must indicate that the nominee has been contacted and is willing to serve.

To be considered for appointment to the Steering Committee, please send an e-mail to patientsafety@qualityforum.org with the subject line “Nominations” and the following information:

- A completed nomination form;
- confirmation of availability to participate in conference calls;

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- a 2-page letter of interest and a 100-word maximum biography, highlighting experience/knowledge relevant to the expertise described above and involvement in candidate measure development;
- a curriculum vitae and/or list of relevant experience (e.g., publications) up to 20 pages; and
- a completed disclosure of interest form.

Materials should be submitted only via e-mail to patientsafety@qualityforum.org with the subject line “Nominations.”

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: All nominations MUST be submitted by Tuesday, July 6th, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

QUESTIONS: If you have any questions, please contact Andrew Lyzenga, MPP at 202.783.1300 or patientsafety@qualityforum.org. Thank you for your assistance.