

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS TO TECHNICAL ADVISORY PANELS SERIOUS REPORTABLE EVENTS IN HEALTHCARE

The National Quality Forum (NQF) is seeking nominations for members of 3 Technical Advisory Panels (TAPs) for an expanded list of Serious Reportable Events (SREs) across broader healthcare settings.

BACKGROUND: In 2002, NQF published a report, *Serious Reportable Events in Healthcare*, which identified 27 adverse events that are serious, largely preventable, and of concern to both the public and healthcare providers. The objective of the project was to establish consensus among consumers, providers, purchasers, researchers, and other healthcare stakeholders about those preventable adverse events that should never occur and to define them in a way that, should they occur, would make it clear what had to be reported. This report was updated in 2006, with one additional event being added. The 2006 Update also summarized the progress that had been made implementing the list and provided guidance to those engaged in implementing such reporting systems. This project is now due for review and maintenance, with possible updates and additions, to the listing of SREs that will be published in early 2011.

NQF is seeking to expand the concept and use of SREs beyond the hospital setting. The SRE Steering Committee has decided that the following environments of care, in addition to hospitals, will be priority areas for SREs in 2010:

- outpatient and office-based surgery centers;
- nursing homes, specifically skilled nursing facilities; and
- ambulatory practice settings, specifically physician offices.

NQF is seeking advisors for three technical panels that will examine potential SREs in these environments of care.

The following definition for Serious Reportable Events will be utilized: SREs are “preventable, serious, and unambiguous adverse events. Some types of SREs are universally preventable and should never occur. Other types of SREs are largely preventable and over time it may be possible to reduce these to zero as knowledge and safe practices evolve. Both types of SREs should be publicly reported.”

TECHNICAL ADVISORY PANELS: Three TAPs of 5-7 individuals each will be formed. The Panels will, at the direction of the Steering Committee, review evidence supporting candidate events in specific environments of care, as well as complete any SRE evaluations requiring technical expertise. NQF is seeking TAP members with expertise/experience in the occurrence of conditions and complications during the management of patient care in the following healthcare environments:

1. outpatient and office-based surgery centers;
2. nursing homes, specifically skilled nursing facilities; and

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3. ambulatory practice settings, specifically physician offices

As with all NQF projects, the technical panels will work with NQF staff to evaluate the submitted SREs, provide advice about the subject, ensure input is obtained from relevant stakeholders, review draft products, and recommend specific events and research priorities to the Steering Committee and then to NQF Members for consideration under the Consensus Development Process.

TIME COMMITMENT: *Each of the three TAPs will meet via web-based conference calls for a single meeting. The meetings are scheduled on August 10th, August 11th, and August 12th 2010. Notification of which meeting Panel members are to attend will occur once the Panels have been selected.* Additionally, TAP members will meet once by conference call for a two-hour orientation call on August 2nd, 2010 from 10am-12pm EDT. The chairs of the Technical Panels will be members of the SRE Steering Committee. Follow-up e-mail communications or conference calls may be needed and will be scheduled with consideration of member availability.

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 one of the TAPs, please send the following information:

- Completed nomination form (attached);
- Confirmation of availability to participate in the three aforementioned scheduled meetings (of note, each TAP member will attend only one of the meetings based on the TAP to which they are assigned);
- Two-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;
- Curriculum vitae and/or list of relevant experience (e.g., publications) *up to 20 pages*; and
- Completed “[Disclosure of Interest](#)” form (attached).

Materials should only be submitted via email to patientsafety@qualityforum.org.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: All nominations MUST be submitted by **6:00pm EDT on Wednesday, June 16, 2010**

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QUESTIONS: If you have any questions, please contact Lindsey Tighe, MS, at 202-783-1300 or ltighe@qualityforum.org. Thank you for your assistance!

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