THE NATIONAL QUALITY FORUM

Meeting of the ‘Cancer Data and Methods Panel’
August 18, 2004

Mandarin Oriental
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AGENDA

9:00 a.m.   Introductions and disclosures of interests

9:30 a.m.   Evaluating measure indicators: quality and strength of evidence

10:30 a.m.  Domains of measure assessment
            -Importance
            -Scientific acceptability
            -Useability
            -Feasibility

11:00 a.m.  Distinction between measures for accountability and measures for quality improvement

11:45 a.m.*  Criteria for measure assessment: application to oncology
            - Importance
              o  Key leverage point
              o  Variation in quality
              o  Significant opportunity for improvement
            -  Scientific acceptability
              o  Precisely defined
              o  Reliable
              o  Valid
              o  Discriminating
              o  Adaptable
              o  Risk adjustment
              o  Evidence linking process/structure measures to outcomes

*There will be a Working Lunch for the Panel members. There will be a brief break so observers can obtain lunch and return to the meeting.
- **Useability**
  - Use by stakeholders to make decisions
  - Differences statistically meaningful
  - Differences clinically meaningful
  - Risk stratification and adjustment can be applied
  - Effective presentation and dissemination strategies exist (transparency)
  - Information will be used by at least one stakeholder
  - Information about specific conditions appropriate to the measure
  - Methods of aggregating measures defined

- **Feasibility**
  - Data tied to delivery of care
  - Timing and frequency of data collection specified
  - Financial/administrative burden
  - Auditing strategy defined
  - Confidentiality concerns addressed

2:45 p.m. Use of clinical maps in developing search for measures
3:15 p.m. Framing questions for Evidenced-based Practice Center (EPC) reports
3:45 p.m. Report development and future plans
4:00 p.m. Adjourn