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# Consensus Standards Approval Committee (CSAC)

Fall 2021 Measure Evaluation Meeting  
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# Welcome

## Housekeeping Reminders

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# Agenda

- Welcome and Review of Meeting Objectives
- Roll Call and Disclosures of Interest
- CSAC Measure Review Procedure and Test Vote
- Consideration of Candidate Consent Calendar Measures
- Lunch Break
- Discussion and Voting of Candidate Non-consent Calendar Measures
- Discussion and Voting of Candidate Measures Pulled from the Consent Calendar\*
- Public and NQF Member Comment
- Next Steps
- Adjourn

*\*will be cancelled if no measures pulled during the CSAC meeting*

# Roll Call and Disclosures of Interest

## NQF CSAC Team

- Elizabeth Drye, MD, SM, Chief Scientific Officer
- Tricia Elliott, DHA, MBA, CPHQ, FNAHQ, Senior Managing Director
- Matthew Pickering, PharmD, Senior Director
- Mike DiVecchia, MBA, PMP, Director
- Beth Flashner, MHA, Manager
- Mary McCutcheon, MPP, Analyst
- Kim Patterson, Executive Assistant

## CSAC Members

- **Melissa Danforth (Chair)**
- **John Bulger, DO, MBA (Vice-Chair)**
- Dan Culica, MD, MA, PhD
- Dana Cyra, MA, CPHQ
- Lisa Freeman
- Kevin Kavanagh, MD, MS, FACS
- Rebecca Kirch, JD
- Laura Pennington
- Edward Septimus, MD
- Jeffrey Susman, MD
- Kelly Nedrow, JD

# CSAC Measure Review Procedure and Test Vote



## CSAC Procedures: Implementation of Consent Calendar Process

- For the fall 2021 cycle, the CSAC will implement a consent calendar process to streamline the CSAC review of measures under endorsement consideration.
- The consent calendar includes only measures that were recommended for endorsement by respective Standing Committees and that meet all key considerations criteria (slide 12).
- Non-consent calendar measures will be discussed and voted on separately by CSAC, as these measures did not meet one or more of the consent calendar criteria.
- The consent calendar process allows the CSAC to focus on key concerns and issues with respect to the measures under endorsement review and/or the consensus development process (CDP).



## CSAC Procedures: *Consent Calendar Prior to the CSAC Meeting*

- NQF staff sends the meeting materials to the CSAC for review and consideration of the consent calendar
- The CSAC has five (5) days to submit a request to pull a measure from the consent calendar, along with *clear and compelling rationale* that is based on the key considerations criteria (page 4 of CSAC Discussion Guide)
  - ▣ The request is submitted to NQF staff and to the CSAC Chair and Vice Chair
  - ▣ If a measure is pulled for discussion, NQF staff will notify the measure developer/steward and the respective Standing Committee co-chairs
  - ▣ The CSAC member that requested to pull the measure will serve as the lead discussant of the measure during the CSAC meeting
- If a measure is pulled for discussion, along with sufficient rationale (i.e., based on key consideration criteria), NQF staff will update the meeting materials to reflect any changes and resend the materials to the CSAC prior to the CSAC meeting

## CSAC Procedures: *Consent Calendar Criteria*

Measures not discussed must *meet all of* the following key considerations criteria:

1. Received 80 percent or greater passing votes for overall suitability for endorsement.
2. No process concern(s) identified that may have affected the endorsement decision of a measure.
3. No reconsideration request was received for either the Standing Committee's or the CSAC's adjudication.
4. The Standing Committee accepted the Scientific Methods Panel's (SMP) ratings (i.e., did not overturn the SMP's decision), if applicable.
5. No new information received through public comment that was not available or discussed during the Standing Committee's measure evaluation meeting, which is conflicting to the Standing Committee's recommendation(s).
6. The measure was not pulled for discussion by a CSAC member.
7. No additional concerns identified that require CSAC discussion (*Note: These concerns should reside within the purview of the CSAC, based on the CSAC decision making rationale*).

## CSAC Procedures: *Consent Calendar During the CSAC Meeting*

- For the measure evaluation discussions, NQF project staff will first provide an overview of the measures within the consent calendar, noting any measures that were pulled for discussion prior to the meeting
- The CSAC Chair or Vice Chair then asks if any CSAC member wishes to pull a measure for discussion
  - ▣ The CSAC member must present ***clear and compelling rationale*** for pulling the measure during the meeting, which is based on the key considerations criteria
    - **Reminder:** The CSAC member that requested to pull the measure serves as the lead discussant of the measure during the CSAC meeting
  - ▣ Measures that are pulled from the consent calendar during the meeting are slotted into the relevant section of the CSAC meeting agenda.
- The CSAC Chair or Vice Chair then asks if any member of the public has any comments related to the measures within the consent calendar

## CSAC Procedures: *Consent Calendar During the CSAC Meeting Cont.*

- If quorum is present, the CSAC Chair or Vice-Chair asks if there are any objections to accepting the Standing Committee's endorsement recommendations for the measures on the consent calendar (i.e., that were not pulled for discussion)
  - ▣ If no objections, the recommendations are accepted and no voting on endorsement is needed (regardless of meeting type—conference call or in-person)
  - ▣ ***Note: Only measures that have 80 percent or greater passing votes for overall suitability are within the consent calendar***
- If quorum is not present, CSAC members will vote offline on each measure under review during the meeting, including all measures listed in the consent calendar.

## CSAC Voting Procedures: *Non-Consent Calendar Measures*

### During the CSAC meeting:

- Following the consent calendar discussions, the CSAC proceeds to review and vote on the measures that require discussion, as they do not meet all of the key considerations criteria
  - ▣ For these measures, the respective NQF team and Standing Committee co-chairs present the Standing Committee deliberations and recommendations for each measure.
  - ▣ The CSAC has an opportunity to ask clarifying questions and then moves to vote on each measure separately
- CSAC members then vote on acceptance of the Standing Committee's recommendation(s)
  - ▣ Accept the Standing Committee's recommendation (i.e., to endorse or not endorse)
  - ▣ Do not accept the Standing Committee's recommendation and return the measure back to the committee for reconsideration

## CSAC Procedures: *Measures Pulled from Consent Calendar*

### During the CSAC meeting:

Measures that are pulled from the consent calendar during the meeting are slotted into the relevant section of the CSAC meeting agenda:

- For each pulled measure, the respective NQF team and Standing Committee co-chairs present the Standing Committee deliberations and recommendations for each measure
- The CSAC Chair or Vice-Chair asks the member who pulled the measure to present their rationale and concerns
- The CSAC Chair or Vice-Chair facilitate the CSAC discussion of the measure
- The Standing Committee co-chairs are invited to respond to the CSAC's concerns
- Following the discussion of each pulled measure, the CSAC votes on endorsement
  - ▢ Accept the Standing Committee's recommendation (i.e., to endorse or not endorse)
  - ▢ Do not accept the Standing Committee's recommendation and return the measure back to the committee for reconsideration

# Test Vote



# **Consent Calendar: Measures Not for Discussion**

## Fall 2021 Measures Under Review

-	Number of Measures	New and Maintenance
Total for fall 2021 cycle	13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 New</li> <li>• 3 Maintenance</li> </ul>
Consent calendar measures	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6 New</li> <li>• 2 Maintenance</li> </ul>
Non-consent calendar measures	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 New</li> <li>• 1 Maintenance</li> </ul>
Measures pulled for discussion prior to CSAC meeting	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0 New</li> <li>• 0 Maintenance</li> </ul>

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NQF Staff will send an email notification to relevant measure developers, standing committee co-chairs, and other interested parties regarding the outcome of the consent calendar discussion

**Lunch Break**

*CSAC Reconvenes at 12:30 pm ET*

# Standing Committee Summaries:

## *Non-consent Calendar Measures*

## Standing Committee Summaries: **Primary Care and Chronic Illness**

### *Non-consent Calendar Measures*

#### *Measure Not Recommended for Endorsement:*

- **NQF #3667** Days at Home for Patients with Complex, Chronic Conditions (Yale New Haven Health Services Corporation – Center for Outcomes Research and Evaluate [CORE]/Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services [CMS]) [New]
  - ▣ Validity: **H-0; M-3; L-7; I-8** (denominator = 18)
- **Key Considerations Criteria Not Met:**
  - ▣ Did not receive 80 percent or greater passing votes for overall suitability for endorsement.
    - The Primary Care and Chronic Illness Standing Committee did not vote on overall suitability for endorsement, as the measure did not pass on validity, a must pass criterion.

## Standing Committee Summaries: **Patient Safety**

### *Non-consent Calendar Measures*

#### *Measures Recommended for Endorsement:*

- **NQF #3633e** Excessive Radiation Dose or Inadequate Image Quality for Diagnostic Computed Tomography (CT ) in Adults (Clinician Level) (Alara Imaging/University of California, San Francisco [UCSF]) [New]
  - ▣ Overall Suitability for Endorsement: **Y-15; N-4** (denominator = 19)
- **NQF #3662e** Excessive Radiation Dose or Inadequate Image Quality for Diagnostic Computed Tomography (CT) in Adults (Clinician Group Level) (Alara Imaging/UCSF) [New]
  - ▣ Overall Suitability for Endorsement: **Y-15; N-3** (denominator = 18)
- **NQF #3663e** Excessive Radiation Dose or Inadequate Image Quality for Diagnostic Computed Tomography (CT) in Adults (Facility Level) (Alara Imaging/UCSF) [New]
  - ▣ Overall Suitability for Endorsement: **Y-15; N-2** (denominator = 17)
- **Key Considerations Criteria Not Met**
  - ▣ Did not receive 80 percent or greater passing votes for overall suitability for endorsement. (**NQF #3633e**)
  - ▣ Process concern(s) identified that may have affected the endorsement decision of a measure. (**NQF #3633e, NQF #3662e, and NQF #3663e**)

## Standing Committee Summaries: **Patient Safety (Continued)**

### *Non-consent Calendar Measures*

#### *Measures Recommended for Endorsement:*

- **NQF #0097** Medication Reconciliation Post-Discharge (National Committee for Quality Assurance) [Maintenance]
  - ▣ Overall Suitability for Endorsement: **Y- 12; N-4** (denominator = 16)
- **Key Considerations Criteria Not Met**
  - ▣ Did not receive 80 percent or greater passing votes for overall suitability for endorsement.
  - ▣ Process concern(s) identified that may have affected the endorsement decision of a measure
- **Note:** During the initial evaluation meeting, the measure was incorrectly stated to have passed on validity when in fact, it was consensus not reached. This error was discovered prior to the fall 2020 CSAC meeting, when it was too late to be rectified during that cycle. During the fall 2020 CSAC meeting, the Patient Safety team and co-chairs recommended, and the CSAC agreed, that the measure retain endorsement until the Patient Safety Standing Committee could re-vote on validity and the overall suitability for endorsement, which took place on June 28, 2022.

# Measures Pulled for Discussion



# Public and NQF Member Comment

# Next Steps

## CSAC Next Steps

- **Voting Results:** August 1, 2022
- **Meeting Summary:** September 2022
- **Appeals Period:** August 1 to August 30, 2022
- **CDP Technical Reports:** November 2022

## CSAC Contact Information

- **Project Webpage:**  
[http://www.qualityforum.org/About NQF/CSAC/Consensus Standards Approval Committee.aspx](http://www.qualityforum.org/About_NQF/CSAC/Consensus_Standards_Approval_Committee.aspx)
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