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All-Cause Admissions and Readmissions

Renal Technical Expert Panel Orientation Call

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Agenda for the Call

- Welcome and Roll Call
- All-Cause Admissions and Readmission Measure Overview
- Role of the Technical Expert Panel and Overview of TEP Measure Input Form
- Public Comment
- Next Steps

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All-Cause Admissions and Readmissions Measure Overview



All-Cause Admissions and Readmissions Portfolio of Measures

- This project evaluates measures related to All-Cause Admissions and Readmissions that can be used for accountability and public reporting for all populations and in all settings of care.
- This project addresses topic areas including:
 - ▣ All-cause admissions/readmissions
 - ▣ Condition-specific admissions/readmissions
- NQF currently has 51 endorsed measures within this topic area.



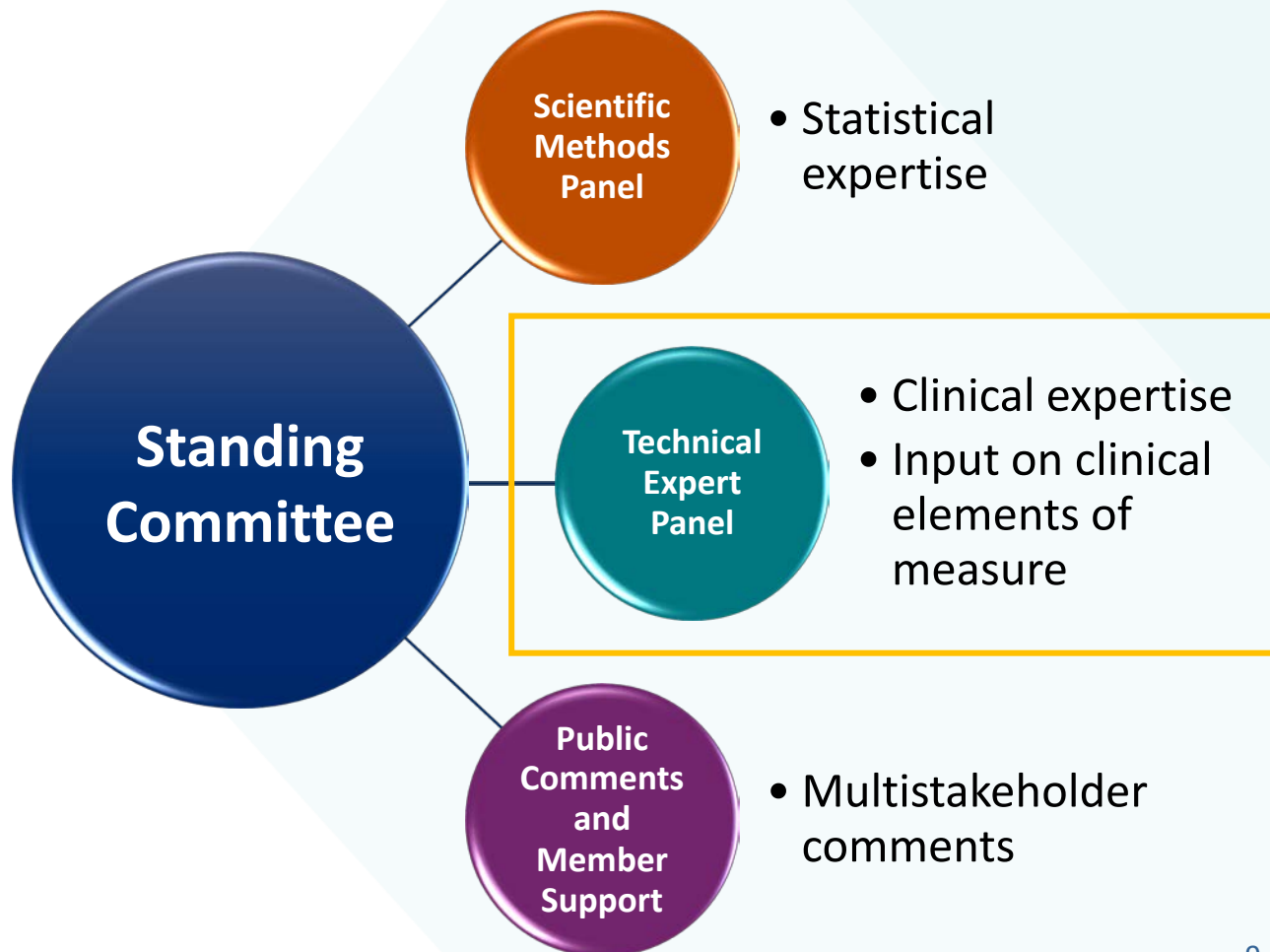
All-Cause Admissions and Readmissions Portfolio of Measures

	All-Cause	Condition-Specific
Hospital	5	14
Home health	4	0
Skilled nursing facility	4	0
Long-term care facility	1	0
Inpatient rehab facility	1	0
Inpatient psychiatric facility	1	0
Dialysis facility	2	0
Health plan	1	0
Population-based	4	11
Hospital outpatient/ambulatory surgery center	0	1
Integrated delivery system	1	0
Accountable care organizations (ACO)	1	0
Total	25	26

Role of Technical Expert Panel

Measure Inputs to the Standing Committee

- Multistakeholder Committee
- Evaluates all evaluation criteria
- Makes recommendation for endorsement



All-Cause Admissions and Readmissions: Spring 2020 Cycle

- Four renal measures submitted for Spring 2020 Cycle
 - ▣ *NQF 2496 - Standardized Readmission Ratio (SRR) for dialysis facilities (maintenance)*
 - » Steward: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
 - ▣ *NQF 1463 - Standardized Hospitalization Ratio for Dialysis Facilities (maintenance)*
 - » Steward: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
 - ▣ *NQF 3565 - Standardized Emergency Department Encounter Ratio (SEDR) for Dialysis Facilities (new)*
 - » Steward: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
 - ▣ *NQF 3566 - Standardized Ratio of Emergency Department Encounters Occurring Within 30 Days of Hospital Discharge (ED30) for Dialysis Facilities (new)*
 - » Steward: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Renal TEP Process

1. Review the elements of measure submission form
2. Complete and submit the TEP Measure Input Form
3. Attend public webinar on April 30th, 2020 to discuss clinical specifications with all TEP members
4. TEP input is summarized by NQF staff and provided to Standing Committee for full measure evaluation

Overview of TEP Measure Input Form



Major Endorsement Criteria

- **Importance to measure and report:** Goal is to measure those aspects with greatest potential of driving improvements; if not important, the other criteria are less meaningful (**must-pass**)
- **Reliability and Validity:** Goal is to make valid conclusions about quality; if not reliable and valid, there is risk of improper interpretation (**must-pass**)
- **Feasibility:** Goal is to, ideally, cause as little burden as possible; if not feasible, consider alternative approaches
- **Usability and Use (must-pass for maintenance measures):** Goal is to use for decisions related to accountability and improvement; if not useful, probably do not care if feasible
- **Comparison to related or competing measures**



Reliability and Validity: Scientific Acceptability of Measure Properties

Extent to which the measure, as specified, produces consistent (reliable) and credible (valid) results about the quality of health care delivery

- Reliability (must-pass)
 - ▣ Precise specifications including exclusions
 - ▣ Reliability testing—data elements or measure score
- Validity (must-pass)
 - ▣ Validity testing—data elements or measure score
 - ▣ Justification of exclusions—relates to evidence
 - ▣ Risk adjustment—typically for outcome/cost/resource use
 - ▣ Identification of differences in performance
 - ▣ Comparability of data sources/methods
 - ▣ Missing data

TEP Measure Input Form

Public Comment

Next Steps

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- Technical Expert Panel members to complete Measure Input Form for each measure
 - ▣ COB April 24, 2020
- Technical Expert Panel Call (2 hours)
 - ▣ April 30, 2020, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm EST
 - ▣ TEP members to discuss input received for the measures
- NQF staff will incorporate TEP input of each measure and share with All-Cause Admissions and Readmissions Standing Committee in prep for the Standing Committee's Measure Evaluation Web Meeting
 - ▣ June 22, 2020, 9:00am – 5:00 pm EST



Questions?

- Project webpage: [https://www.qualityforum.org/All Cause Admissions and Readmissions.aspx](https://www.qualityforum.org/All_Cause_Admissions_and_Readmissions.aspx)
- Project email address: readmissions@qualityforum.org

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