



NATIONAL
QUALITY FORUM

Palliative and End-of-Life Care Standing Committee

Off-Cycle Webinar

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Agenda

- Standing Committee Introductions/Disclosures of Interest
- Overview of Measure Evaluation Process
- Consideration of Candidate Measure #3235
- Harmonization Discussion
- Discussion of Measurement Framework
- Public Comment
- Next Steps
- Adjourn

Introductions and Disclosures of Interest

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Overview of Today's Evaluation Process

Roles of the Standing Committee during the Evaluation Meeting

- Act as a proxy for the NQF multi-stakeholder membership
- Work with NQF staff to achieve the goals of the project
- Evaluate each measure against each criterion
 - *Indicate the extent to which each criterion is met and rationale for the rating*
- Make recommendations to the NQF membership for endorsement
- Oversee portfolio of Palliative Care/End-of-Life measures

Measure Discussion and Voting

- Brief introduction by developer (2-3 minutes)
- Voluntary discussants will begin Committee discussion for each criterion:
 - *Providing a brief summary of the pre-meeting evaluation comments discussion*
 - *Emphasizing areas of concern or differences of opinion*
 - *Noting, if needed, the preliminary rating by NQF*
 - » This rating is intended to be used as a guide to facilitate the Committee's discussion and evaluation
- Developers will be available to respond to questions
- Full Committee will discuss, then vote on the criterion before moving on to the next criterion

Overview on Voting

- Voting is by criterion in the order presented on the Measure Worksheet
 - *Evidence (must pass)*
 - *Performance Gap (must pass)*
 - *Reliability (must pass)*
 - *Validity (must pass)*
 - *Usability and Use*
 - *Feasibility*
 - *Overall Suitability for Endorsement*
- If a measure fails on one of the must-pass criteria, there is no further discussion or voting on the subsequent criteria for that measure.

Achieving Consensus

- Quorum: 66% of the Committee
- To be recommended, measures must have greater than 60% of the Committee Yes (high + moderate)
- 40%-60%: Consensus Not Reached (CNR) status
- Less than 40%: Not Recommended
- CNR measures move forward to comment and the Committee will revote

Questions???

Consideration of measure #3235

Measurement Framework

Draft Measurement Framework

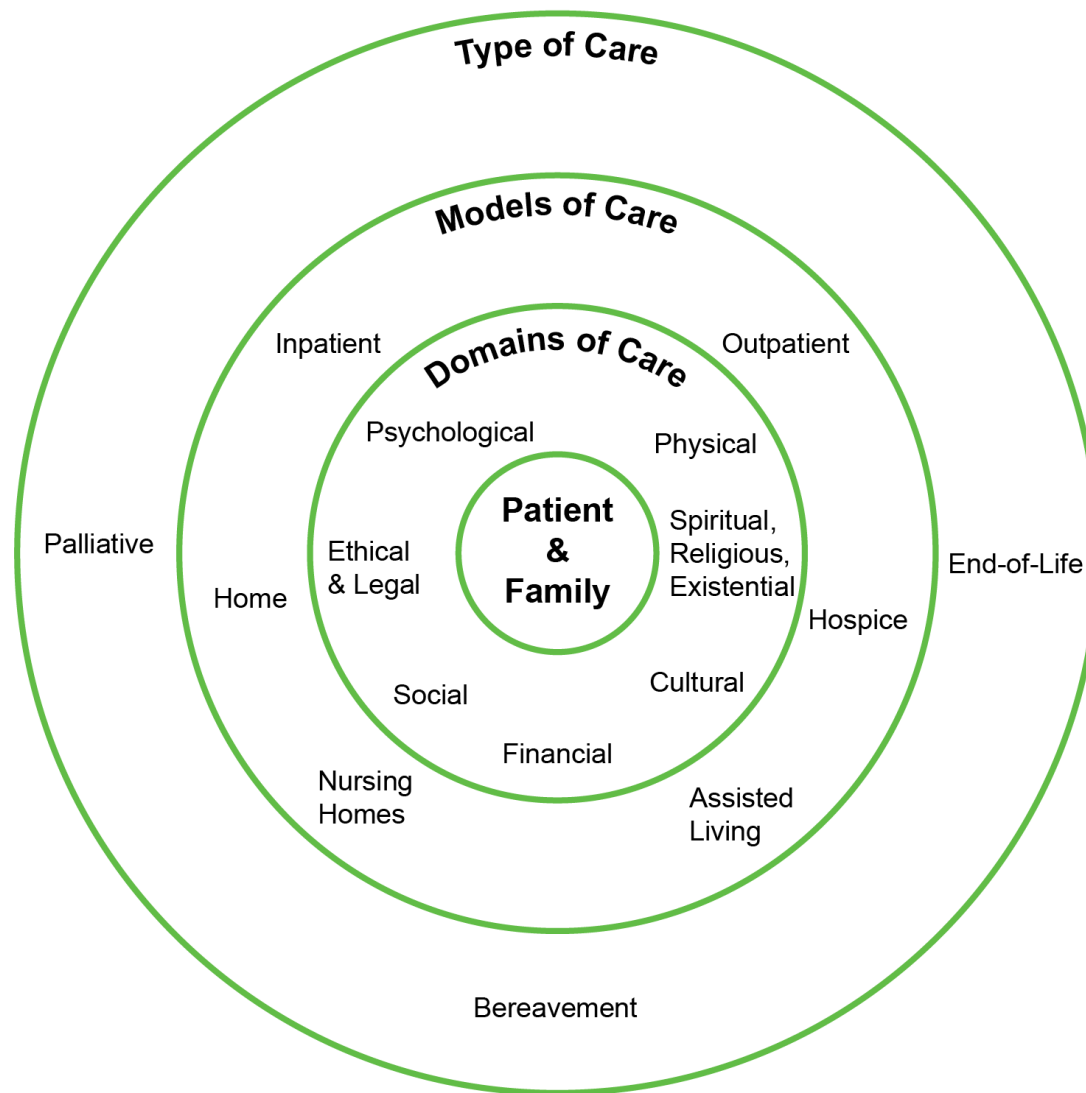
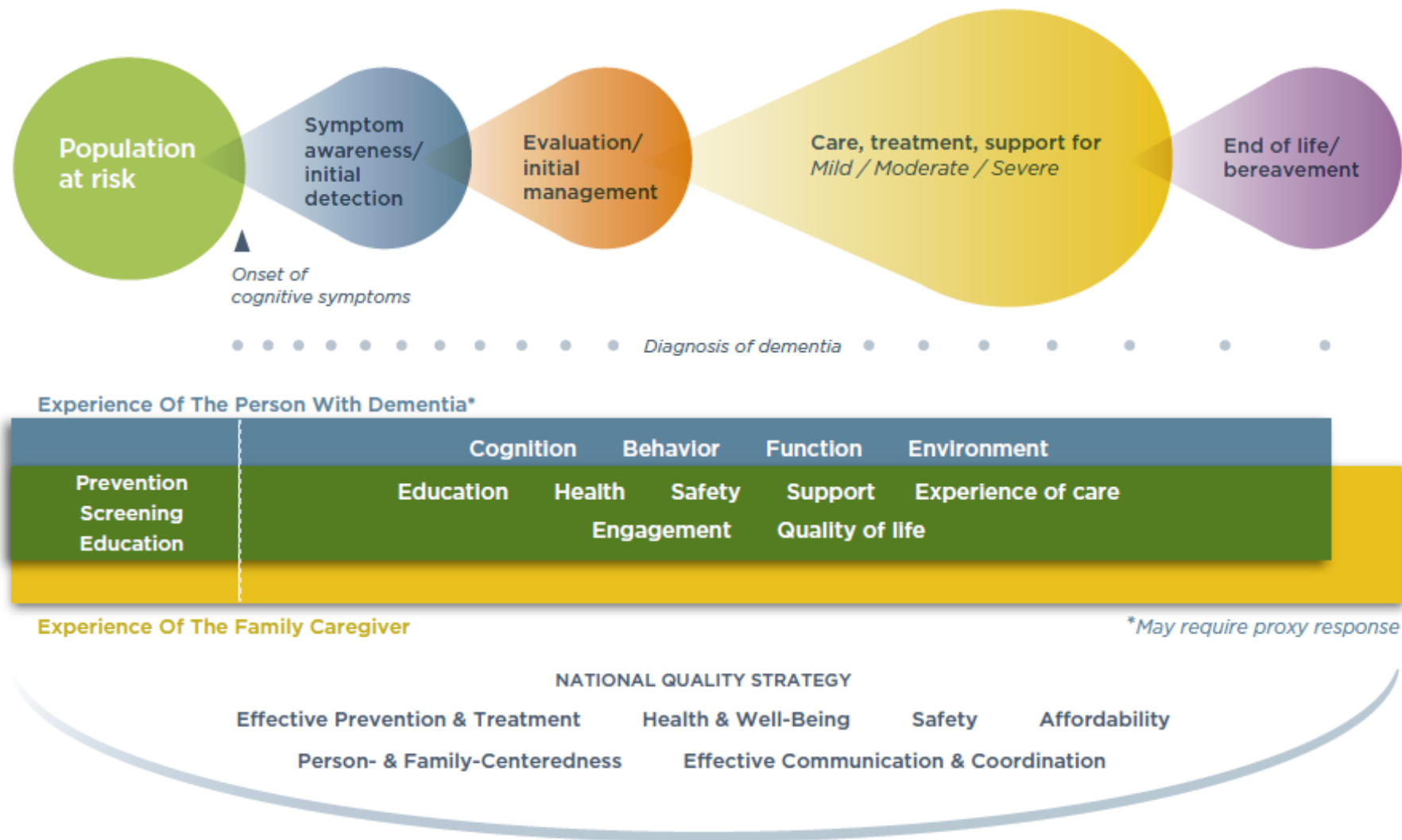


FIGURE 2. CONCEPTUAL MEASUREMENT FRAMEWORK

CONCEPTUAL MODEL FOR PERFORMANCE MEASURE DEVELOPMENT FOR DEMENTIA:
Maximizing quality of life, minimizing distress



Should the draft measurement framework be modified?

- Summer 2016 discussion: adding cost, decision making, safety
- A different type of diagram?
- Other domains, etc.
 - *ASPEN Institute: patient/family preferences; how well supported; training/workforce*
 - *PEW: Patient goals/preferences & alignment*
 - *IOM “Dying in America” core components: emotional distress; referrals; training/workforce; access*
 - *NQF (AIC work): purpose and connection; financial security; peaceful death and dying*
 - *NCP Clinical Practice Guidelines domains: dropped “structure and processes of care” but perhaps need to revisit; incorporated “care of the patient at end of life” in outer ring*

Public Comment

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Milestone	Due Date
Comment Period	4/10/17-4/24/17
Post-Comment Call	5/16/17 (3:00-5:00 PM ET)
NQF Member Voting Period	5/25/17-6/15/17
CSAC	July 11-12 (In-Person Meeting)
Appeals Period	Week of July 17

Adjourn