



Cancer

BACKGROUND

Cancer care is complex and provided in multiple settings—hospitals, outpatient clinics, ambulatory infusion centers, radiation oncology treatment centers, radiology departments, palliative and hospice care facilities—and by multiple providers including surgeons, oncologists, nurses, pain management specialists, and social workers. Due to the complexity of cancer, as well as the numerous care settings and providers, there is a need for quality measures that address the value and efficiency of care for patients and their families.

The Cancer Standing Committee oversees NQF's portfolio of measures for breast cancer, colon cancer, hematology, prostate cancer, and general cancer care measures. The measures in the cancer portfolio address diagnosis, treatment for early and advanced disease, and follow-up care.

COMMITTEE CHARGE

The Cancer Standing Committee evaluates newly submitted measures and measures undergoing maintenance review against NQF's standard [measure evaluation criteria](#) and makes recommendations for endorsement.

The Committee's other responsibilities include:

- Oversee the portfolio of measures
- Identify and evaluate competing and related measures
- Identify opportunities for harmonization of similar measures
- Recommend measure concepts for development to address gaps in the portfolio
- Provide advice or technical expertise about the subject to other committees (i.e., cross-cutting committees or the Measure Applications Partnership)
- Ensure input is obtained from relevant stakeholders
- Review draft documents
- Recommend specific measures and research priorities to NQF Members for consideration under the Consensus Development Process (CDP).

To learn more about the work of NQF's CDP standing committees, review our [Committee Guidebook](#).

COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

The Cancer Standing Committee is made up of no more than 25 individuals.

Terms

Standing Committee members are initially appointed to a two- or three-year term. Each term thereafter is a two-year term, with Committee members permitted to serve two consecutive terms. After serving two terms, the Committee member must step down for one full term (two years) before becoming eligible for reappointment.

Participation on the Committee requires a significant time commitment.

To apply, individuals should be available to participate in all currently scheduled calls/meetings. Over the course of the Cancer spring and fall 2020 cycles, additional calls may be scheduled or rescheduled based on project needs; new dates will be set based on most of the Committee's availability.

Committee participation includes:

- Orientation webinar (2 hours)
- Identify and disclose potential biases (real or perceived)
- Review all measure submission forms (approximately 2 hours per measure)
- Complete all surveys and evaluations
- Attend all scheduled evaluation meetings. These may be in-person meetings (1-2 full days in Washington, DC) or a series of webinars (typically 2 hours each)
- Lead discussion for assigned measures on webinars or in-person meetings; actively participate in the committee's discussion; vote on ratings and endorsement recommendation for all measures
- Review meeting summaries and/or technical draft reports
- Review public and NQF member comments received on technical draft report and participate on post-comment webinar (2 hours)
- Complete additional measure evaluations by conference call or webinar, if needed
- Participate in additional calls or webinars, as needed
- Present measures and committee discussion on conference calls, webinars, and other meetings, as needed

Table of Scheduled Meeting Dates for Cancer Fall 2019 Cycle

Meeting	Date/Time
Orientation Webinar (2 hours)	January 21, 2020, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm ET
Evaluation In-Person Meeting (1.5 days)	February 26 and 27, 2020
Post-Commenting Call (2 hours)	May 12, 2020, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm ET

Meeting dates for Cancer spring 2020 cycle to be determined.

PREFERRED EXPERTISE AND COMPOSITION

Committee members are selected to ensure representation from a variety of stakeholders, including consumers, purchasers, providers, professionals, plans, suppliers, community and public health, and healthcare quality experts. Because NQF attempts to represent a diversity of

stakeholder perspectives on committees, a limited number of individuals from each of these stakeholder groups can be seated onto a committee.

NQF is seeking up to seven committee members with relevant expertise in:

- Hematology/oncology
- Oncology nursing
- Case management/social work
- Purchasers (state, federal, and/or private)
- eQIM development and/or implementation

Please review the NQF [Conflict of Interest Policy](#) to learn about how NQF identifies potential conflict of interest. All potential Committee members must disclose any current and past activities prior to and during the nomination process in order to be considered.

CONSIDERATION AND SUBSTITUTION

Priority will be given to nominations from NQF Members when nominee expertise is comparable. Please note that nominations are to an individual, not an organization, so “substitutions” of other individuals are not permitted. Committee members are encouraged to engage colleagues and solicit input from them throughout the process.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Nominations are sought for individuals. Self-nominations are welcome. Third-party nominations must indicate that the individual has been contacted and is willing to serve.

To nominate an individual to the Cancer Committee, please **submit** the following information:

- A completed [online nomination form](#), including:
 - A brief statement of interest
 - A brief description of nominee expertise highlighting experience relevant to the committee
 - A short biography (maximum 100 words), highlighting experience/knowledge relevant to the expertise described above
 - Curriculum vitae or list of relevant experience (e.g., publications) *up to 20 pages*
- A completed disclosure of interest form. This will be requested upon your submission of the nominations form for committees actively seeking nominees.
- Confirmation of availability to participate in currently scheduled calls and meeting dates. Projects actively seeking nominees will solicit this information upon submission of the online nomination form.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION

All nominations **MUST** be submitted by **6:00 pm ET on October 30, 2019**.

QUESTIONS

If you have any questions, please contact NQF staff at 202-783-1300 or cancerem@qualityforum.org. Thank you for your interest.