



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:

- Overseeing the portfolio of measures
- Identifying and evaluating competing and related measures
- Identifying opportunities for harmonization of similar measures
- Recommending measure concepts for development to address gaps in the portfolio
- Providing advice or technical expertise about the subject to other committees (i.e., cross-cutting committees or the Measure Applications Partnership)
- Ensuring input is obtained from relevant stakeholders
- Reviewing draft documents
- Recommending 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

New Standing Committee members are appointed to a two- or three-year term with the ability to extend for one additional term of two years. Committee members may serve two consecutive terms, for a total of five years (or 10 evaluation cycles). The Committee member's term on a Standing Committee begins upon selection, immediately following the close of the roster commenting period.

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 fall and spring 2021 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 (two hours)
- Identifying and disclosing potential biases (real or perceived)
- Reviewing all measure submission forms (approximately two hours per measure)
- Completing all surveys and evaluations
- Attending all scheduled evaluation meetings. These may be in-person meetings (one to two full days in Washington, DC) or a series of webinars (typically two hours each)
- Leading discussion for assigned measures on webinars or in-person meetings; actively participating in the committee's discussion; voting on ratings and endorsement recommendation for all measures
- Reviewing meeting summaries and/or technical draft reports
- Reviewing public and NQF member comments received on technical draft report and participating in post-comment webinar (two hours)
- Completing additional measure evaluations by conference call or webinar, if needed
- Participating in additional calls or webinars, as needed
- Presenting measures and committee discussion on conference calls, webinars, and other meetings, as needed

Table of Scheduled Meeting Dates

Meeting	Date/Time
Orientation Meeting	January 12, 2021 at 2:00PM-4:00PM ET
Topical Webinar	February 16, 2021 at 1:00PM-3:00PM ET

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, a limited number of individuals from each of these stakeholder groups can be seated onto a Committee.

NQF is looking to fill **up to four committee seats** for the Cancer Standing Committee with the relevant experience and/or expertise in oncology care and healthcare quality improvement program implementation and evaluation.

Additionally, NQF is looking for representatives from the following stakeholder groups:

- Care transition team members (e.g., case managers, social workers, care coordination)
- Clinicians in the field of oncology, including nursing and pharmacy
- Purchasers (state, federal, and/or private)
- Academic and policy researchers in the areas of oncology, particularly disparities in care
- Payers (e.g., health plans)

Please review the NQF conflict of interest policy to learn about how NQF identifies potential conflict of interest. All potential Cancer Standing 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 individual subject matter experts. 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 project 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 and involvement in candidate measure development.
 - 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. Committees or 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 Monday, November 2, 2020**.

Questions

If you have any questions, please contact Oroma Igwe and Mike DiVecchia, at 202-783-1300 or cancerem@qualityforum.org. Thank you for your interest.