



Cancer Standing Committee Web Meeting

The National Quality Forum (NQF) convened a public web meeting for the Cancer Standing Committee on February 12, 2018, 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm ET.

Welcome, Roll Call, and Review of Meeting Objectives

Melissa Mariñelarena, senior director, NQF, welcomed participants to the web meeting. Ms. Mariñelarena provided opening remarks and reviewed the following meeting agenda:

- Standing Committee Introductions
- Overview of NQF Measure Prioritization Initiative
- Overview of NQF Attribution Work
- Next Steps

NQF Measure Prioritization Initiative

John Bernot, senior director, NQF, presented an update on the NQF measure prioritization initiative, which the Committee participated in during its 2017 off-cycle review. Dr. Bernot outlined the four phases of the initiative's strategic vision: prioritize measures; reduce, select, and endorse measures; collect and act on feedback from the field; and accelerate innovation. Dr. Bernot presented the prioritization criteria and scoring that NQF is currently piloting in order to identify high-impact metrics, identify drivers of high-impact measures, and analyze priority measures and gaps.

Dr. Bernot gave an overview of the prioritization criteria: outcome-focused, improvable, meaningful to patients and caregivers, and support systemic and integrated view of care.

One Committee member asked about the definition of improvable as one of the prioritization criteria. Dr. Bernot clarified that in order to determine whether a measure is improvable, NQF will look at a measure's performance gap. Another Committee member asked about how access to care, health equity, and societal determinants of health fit in to the prioritization model. Dr. Bernot responded that the NQF National Priorities, which were used to create the prioritization criteria (listed below), will be used together to identify drivers that could be used to address upstream issues of access and equity. Committee members also stressed the importance of the "meaningful to patients" criterion.

The Cancer Standing Committee will complete the prioritization scoring exercise in a future review cycle after NQF finalizes the Measure Prioritization Criteria.

NQF National Priorities

- Health outcomes (including functional status and mortality)
- Patient experience (including care coordination and shared decision making)
- Preventable harm/complications
- Prevention/healthy behaviors
- Total cost/low value care
- Access to needed care

- Equity of care

Feedback on the Attribution Project

Erin O'Rourke, senior director, NQF, presented on the first and current phases of the NQF Attribution Project. Recent legislation such as the IMPACT Act and MACRA demonstrate the continued focus on value-based purchasing to drive improvements in quality and cost by re-aligning incentives. Implementing pay-for-performance models requires knowing who can be held responsible for the results of the quality and efficiency measures used to judge performance.

NQF is moving to develop a new white paper on this topic, which will build on NQF's first phase of attribution work. NQF will convene a multistakeholder Advisory Panel to guide and provide input on the direction of the white paper, which will summarize existing evidence, interviews, and recommendations.

Specifically, the Advisory Panel will build upon its previous work to help identify:

- Current approaches and best practices for testing attribution models;
- Unintended consequences of attribution;
- The challenges that data integrity and collection pose to developing attribution models;
- Approaches to attributing care in team-based care delivery models;
- Challenges in attributing complex patients and those in special populations;
- The evaluation of attribution models as part of the endorsement and selection processes; and
- Recommendations for improving the Attribution Selection Guide, its dissemination, and use.

Public Comment

Ms. Mariñelarena opened the web meeting to allow for public comment. No public comments were offered.

Next Steps

Tara Murphy, project manager, NQF, presented on the Committee's next steps and upcoming meetings, included below.

Activity	Date
Measure Submission Deadline - spring 2018 cycle	April 16, 2018
Commenting and member support period on submitted measures opens	Monday, May 7, 2018
Measure Evaluation Web Meeting #1	Tuesday, July 10, 2018, 12-2pm ET
Measure Evaluation Web Meeting #2	Friday, July 13, 2018, 11am-1pm ET
Measure Evaluation Web Meeting #3	Monday, July 16, 2018, 1-3pm ET
Draft Report Posted for Public Comment	August 7-September 5, 2018
Post Draft Report Comment Call	Wednesday, September 26, 2018, 2-4pm ET
CSAC Review Period	October 19-November 8, 2018
Appeals Period	November 13-December 12, 2018