

Cardiovascular Endorsement Maintenance Pre-voting Webinar

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New process in NQF's CDP:

- Provides opportunity for clarification prior to voting;
- Provides information about requirements of developers and Steering Committees:
 - Measure submission requirements
 - Maintenance of endorsed measures
 - Endorsement of new measures
 - Harmonization / Competing Measures

The project has:

- evaluated 26 newly submitted measures and provided maintenance of 31 cardiovascular measures endorsed prior to June 2008*;
- evaluated measures in the following areas;
 - CAD, AMI, and PCI, including treatments, diagnostic studies, interventions, or procedures associated with these conditions;
 - hypertension, heart failure, atrial fibrillation, and other heart disease and treatments, diagnostic studies, interventions, or procedures associated with these conditions.

**Measures endorsed by NQF after June 2008 will be evaluated in a later project.*

- 45 –day member and public comment period closed on August 19
- 215 comments have been addressed by developers and Steering Committee
- Voting opens October 5th - 20th with 39 measures recommended for endorsement
- Draft report and comment table available on the [project page](#)

- Measure evaluation criteria
 - No measures eligible for TLE –testing data for reliability and validity required
 - Opportunity for improvement/“topped out” measures – Reserve Status created
 - Used new guidance for related/competing measures; struggled with “best in class”
 - Harmonization
 - Outcome measures – recent revisions to AMI and HF mortality and HF readmission measures

- Disparities
- Measures demonstrating very high current performance
- Conflicting guidelines
- Composite measures
- Related and competing measures
- Harmonization
- Outcomes measures – recent revisions
- Gaps in NQF's cardiovascular portfolio

- 215 comments received from 23 organizations/individuals
- Themes
 - Topped out measures
 - Measures not recommended
 - Assessment measures
 - Competing measures
 - Composite measures
 - Mortality measures
- Steering Committee deliberations
- Developer actions

Changes based on comments:

- 2 additional measures in Reserve Status
- Measure 0070- Committee reconsidered recommendation

Of 57 measures evaluated:

- ~~38~~ 39 measures are recommended for new or continued endorsement:
 - continued endorsement of ~~34~~ 32 measures;
 - endorsement of 7 new measures;
 - placement of ~~2~~ 4 measures in Reserve Status.