



Cost and Efficiency Technical Expert Panels

TECHNICAL EXPERT CHARGE

Six time-limited Technical Expert Panels will be established to evaluate the clinical specifications of clinician-level cost and resource use measures and to provide feedback to the Cost and Efficiency Standing Committee. NQF is seeking experts to participate on these Panels which will focus on the following clinical/specialty areas:

- **Cardiology:** Cardiologists and other clinicians with expertise in performing Percutaneous Coronary Interventions (PCI)
- **Neurology:** Neurologists and other clinicians with expertise in evaluation, treatment, and management of intracranial hemorrhage and cerebral infarction
- **Vascular Surgery:** Vascular surgeons and other clinicians with expertise in lower extremity revascularization
- **Internal Medicine/Hospitalist/Pulmonology/Family Medicine:** Physicians and other clinicians with expertise in the treatment, management, and evaluation of simple pneumonia within a hospitalization
- **Ophthalmology:** Ophthalmologists with expertise in cataract removal and implantation
- **Gastroenterology:** Gastroenterologists and other clinicians with expertise in colonoscopy screening

These Panels will evaluate the clinical specifications in the areas of clinical logic, clinical evidence, clinical episode definitions, inclusion/exclusion criteria, and clinical risk-adjustment factors.

TECHNICAL EXPERT PANEL COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

A minimum of three (3) and a maximum of seven (7) experts will be seated on each of the six Technical Expert Panels. These will be time-limited Technical Expert Panels that is anticipated to serve through the spring 2019 evaluation cycle.

Committee participation includes:

- Review 1-2 measure submissions
 - Each Panel member will be expected to review and submit comments on the clinical specifications of each measure submitted
- Participate in the orientation call (1 hour)
- Complete pre-evaluation surveys
- Attend the Technical Expert Panel (TEP) evaluation call (1-1.5 hours)
- Participate in additional calls as necessary

Table of Scheduled Meeting Dates

Meeting	Date
Orientation (All TEPs)	Thursday, March 21, 12-1 pm ET
Gastroenterology Surgery Measure Evaluation	Monday, April 8, 12-1 pm
Ophthalmology Measure Evaluation	Monday, April 8, 2-3 pm ET
Orthopedic Surgery Measure Evaluation	Wednesday, April 10, 12-1 pm
Pneumonia Measure Evaluation	Wednesday, April 10, 2-3 pm ET
Vascular Surgery Measure Evaluation	Thursday, April 11, 12-1 pm ET
Neurology Measure Evaluation	Thursday, April 11 2-3 pm ET
Cardiovascular Measure Evaluation	Monday, April 15, 12-1:30 pm ET

PREFERRED EXPERTISE AND COMPOSITION

Nominees should possess relevant knowledge and/or proficiency in process and outcome quality measurement and/or clinical expertise in the evaluation, treatment, diagnostic studies, imaging, interventions, or procedures associated with cardiology, neurology, vascular surgery, and internal medicine/hospitalist, ophthalmology, and gastroenterology.

Please review the NQF conflict of interest policy to learn about how NQF identifies potential conflicts of interest. All potential TEP 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 for an individual, not an organization, so “substitutions” of other individuals are not permitted. Committee members are encouraged to engage colleagues and solicit their input 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 one of the six Technical Expert Panels, 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 TEP
 - 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 meetings. Panels 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 on February 20, 2019**.

QUESTIONS

If you have any questions, please contact Poonam Bal or Hiral Dudhwala, at 202-783-1300 or efficiency@qualityforum.org. Thank you for your interest.