



## Cost and Efficiency Orthopedic Surgery Technical Expert Panel (TEP) Orientation Call

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The National Quality Forum (NQF) convened a public web meeting for the Cost and Efficiency Orthopedic Surgery Technical Expert Panel on November 30, 2018.

### Welcome, Introductions, and Review of Web Meeting Objectives

Ashlie Wilbon, NQF Senior Director, welcomed participants to the web meeting. Ms. Wilbon provided opening remarks and reviewed the following meeting objectives:

- Overview of Role of the TEP
- Overview of NQF and the Consensus Development Process
- Cost and Efficiency Measure Overview
- Overview of Measure Evaluation Criteria

### Role of the Technical Expert Panel

Ms. Wilbon explained that the TEP would provide feedback to the Cost and Efficiency Standing Committee using their clinical expertise. The TEP would review the measure specifications, document their review in a measure feedback form, and meet in January to discuss their analysis of this measure: NQF 3474 *Hospital-Level, Risk-Standardized Payment Associated with a 90-Day Episode of Care for Elective Primary Total Hip and/or Total Knee Arthroplasty (THA/TKA)*. NQF staff will summarize the feedback and provide it to the Standing Committee. The TEP will provide feedback on the following items:

- Clinical logic evaluation:
  - Clinical logic
  - Evidence to support clinical logic
  - Measure trigger and end mechanisms of the episode
- Adjustments for comparability evaluation
  - Clinical inclusions and exclusions
  - Risk adjustment

### Overview of NQF and the Consensus Development Process

Poonam Bal, NQF Senior Project Manager, gave an overview of NQF and the different types of NQF activities. Ms. Bal also described the 6 Steps for Measure Endorsement (i.e., Intent to Submit, Call for Nominations, Measure Evaluation, Commenting/Member Support, Measure Endorsement, and Measure Appeals) and the TEP's role in the process. She also informed them that there are two cycles per a year and that the Cost and Efficiency team expected the TEP to participate in at least one more CDP cycle.

## Cost and Efficiency Measure Overview

Ms. Wilbon explained that the Cost and Efficiency project evaluates measures related to cost, resource use, and efficiency that can be used for accountability and public reporting for all populations and in all settings of care. She also described the NQF definitions of cost, resource use, efficiency, and value and the relationships among them as they relate to measurement.

The current portfolio of cost and efficiency measures includes six endorsed cost and resource use measures and no efficiency measures. Ms. Wilbon explained that the review of cost and resource use measures differs from that of other measures because of differing specifications and focus of evaluation. Cost and resource use measures do not have numerators and denominators like traditional process measures; they are closer to outcome measures in structure and are often calculated in terms of an observed-to-expected ratio.

## Overview of Measure Evaluation Criteria

Ms. Bal described the five major endorsement criteria:

- Importance to Measure and Report,
- Reliability and Validity,
- Feasibility,
- Usability and Use, and
- Comparison to Related or Competing Measures.

Ms. Bal pointed out that the TEP would be focusing on the scientific acceptability criterion, specifically the clinical relevancy of the specifications, exclusions, and risk adjustment.

## Public Comment

Hiral Dudhwala, NQF Project Manager, opened the web meeting to allow for public comment. No public comments were offered.

## Next Steps

Ms. Dudhwala described the following next steps:

- The TEP members are to complete the TEP Feedback Form on NQF 3474 by COB January 4, 2019.
- The TEP will meet on January 11, 2019, 12-1 pm EST in order to discuss their clinical evaluation of NQF 3474.
- NQF staff will incorporate TEP feedback on NQF 3474 and share with the Cost and Efficiency Standing Committee in preparation for the Standing Committee's measure evaluation web meetings.