



## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS TO COST AND RESOURCE USE PULMONARY TECHNICAL EXPERT PANEL

### BACKGROUND

In January 2010, NQF released the [Measurement Framework: Evaluating Efficiency Across Patient-Focused Episodes of Care](#), which addressed cost and resource use as one of the three overarching domains for assessing efficiency. This framework advised that measures of resource use and cost should acknowledge the value of measuring actual prices paid, standardized prices, in addition to measuring overall utilization. Further, inappropriate care, including failing to provide an evidence-based intervention to an eligible patient or administering an intervention that is unwarranted, cannot be efficient.

Later in 2010 NQF embarked on its first effort to evaluate and endorse cost and resource use measures to expand the NQF portfolio of endorsed cost and resource use measures that in turn could be used as building blocks toward understanding efficiency and value. This learning was captured in the [final](#) and [technical reports](#), yielded the first eight endorsed cost and resource use measures in the NQF portfolio, and the [NQF Resource Use Measure Evaluation Criteria](#). Building on this work, NQF began another project to evaluate cost and resource use measures across three phases of work. The first phase of work evaluated non condition-specific measures [resulting in the endorsement of one measure](#). The second phase evaluating cardiovascular condition-specific measures is ongoing. This final phase will evaluate pulmonary cost and resource use measures.

### TECHNICAL EXPERT PANEL CHARGE

A Technical Expert Panel will be established to evaluate the clinical specifications of newly submitted measures and measures undergoing maintenance review and provide feedback to the convened Cost and Resource Use Standing Committee. This Panel will work to evaluate the clinical specifications in the areas of clinical logic, evidence, measure trigger and end mechanisms, inclusion/exclusion criteria, and risk adjustment.

### Technical Expert Panel participation includes:

- Review measure submission forms
  - Each panel member will be expected to review and submit comments on the clinical specifications of each measure submitted
- Participate in the orientation call (2 hours)
- Attend the Technical Expert Panel (TEP) evaluation call (2 hours)
- Attend the Cost and Resource Use Standing Committee Workgroup Call (2 hours)
- Participate in additional calls as necessary
- Complete surveys and pre-call evaluations

**Nominations Due By Wednesday, April 2, 2014 6:00 PM ET**

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### Table of scheduled meeting dates

Meeting	Date/Time
Orientation Call (2 hours)	April 23, 2014 from 12:00 PM ET to 2:00 PM ET
Technical Expert Panel (TEP) Call (2 hours)	May 28, 2014 from 12:00 PM ET to 2:00 PM ET
Standing Committee Workgroup Call (2 hours)	June 11, 2014 from 12:00 PM ET to 2:00 PM ET

### ***Preferred Expertise & 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 pulmonary care for conditions including, but not limited to, asthma, COPD, or pneumonia across multiple care settings.

Please review the NQF [Conflict of interest policy](#) to learn about how NQF identifies potential conflict of interest. All potential Technical Expert Panel 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 from an organization at conference calls, meetings or for voting is not permitted. Panel members are encouraged to engage colleagues and solicit input from colleagues throughout the process.

### **APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

Self-nominations are welcome. Third-party nominations must indicate that the individual has been contacted and is willing to serve. To be considered for appointment to the Technical Expert Panel, please submit the following information:

- a completed [online nomination form](#), selecting ***Pulmonary and Critical Care Measure Endorsement/Maintenance*** and including:
  - a brief statement of interest
  - a brief description of nominee expertise highlighting experience relevant to the panel
  - 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 Panels or Committees actively seeking nominees.
- confirmation of availability to participate in currently scheduled calls and meeting dates. Panels or projects actively seeking nominees will solicit this information upon submission of the online nomination form.

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### **DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION**

All nominations *MUST* be submitted by **6:00 pm ET on Wednesday, April 2, 2014**

### **QUESTIONS**

If you have any questions, please contact Ashlie Wilbon or Evan Williamson at 202-783-1300 or [efficiency@qualityforum.org](mailto:efficiency@qualityforum.org). Thank you for your interest.