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Disparities Standing Committee Web Meeting

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Agenda

- Review SDS trial progress to date
- Review background, scope, and objectives for new the disparities project
- Obtain input on first literature review disparities in target conditions based on select social risk factors



New Scope of Work:

Reducing Health and Health Care Disparities Related to Social Risk Factors

Project Objectives

NQF seeks to obtain multi-stakeholder guidance how performance measurement can be used to address disparities health and healthcare in the following target conditions:

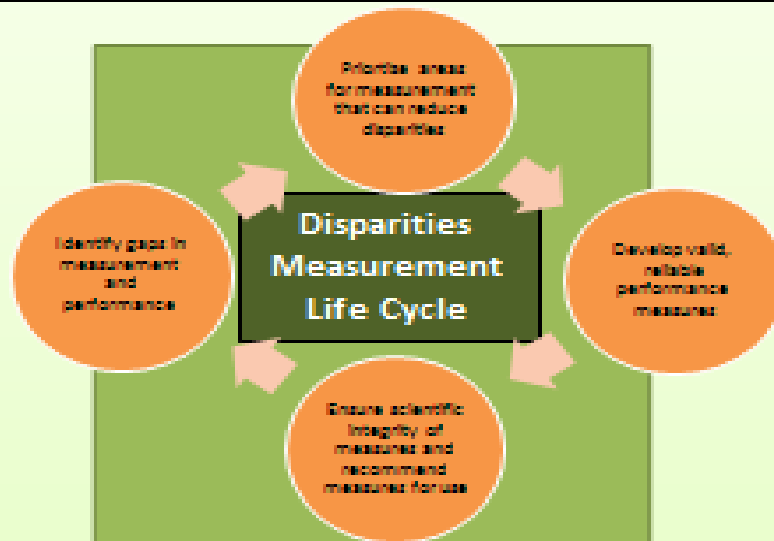
- » Cardiovascular disease
 - » Cancer
 - » Diabetes and chronic kidney disease
 - » Infant mortality/low birth rate
 - » Mental illness
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- The Committee will examine these disparities based the social risk factors outlined in the 2016 National Academies Report *Accounting for social risk factors in Medicare payment: Identifying social risk factors*.

Project Activities

Under contract with the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), this one year project will involve:

1. A review of the evidence describing disparities in health and health care outcomes in the target conditions;
2. A review of the causes and factors associated with disparities in the target conditions, evidence of effective interventions, and gaps in existing work;
3. An environmental scan of performance measures currently in use of under development to assess effective interventions;
4. The identification of gaps in measurement and the extent to which stakeholders are employing effective interventions;
5. The development of a conceptual framework to guide performance measures;
6. Recommendations for measure development to assess efforts to reduce disparities in health and health care in the target conditions.

How we'll build on the Committee's Existing Work



Identify Disparities by Stratifying Data

Incentivize the Reduction of Disparities through Measurement

Incorporate equity accountability measures into payment and reporting programs

Align equity accountability measures across payers

Incentivize preventive care, primary care, and addressing the social determinants of health

Ensure fairness for safety net organizations through appropriate payment and adjustment of measures

Conduct and fund demonstration projects to test payment and delivery system reform interventions to reduce disparities

Implement and Support Quality Improvement Strategies and Care Transformation

Disparities in health and healthcare are eliminated

Reports

Report	Dates
Disparities in Healthcare and Health Outcomes in Select Conditions	1 st Draft Report: December 15, 2016 1 st Final Report: January 15, 2017
Causes and Factors Associated with Disparities in Healthcare and Health Outcomes in Select Conditions	2 nd Draft Report: February 15, 2017 2 nd Final Report: March 15, 2017
Conceptual Framework for Measure Development	3 rd Draft Report: May 15, 2017 3 rd Final Report: June 15, 2017
Recommendations for Measure Development	Draft Report: July 15, 2017 Final Report: September 15, 2017

Public comment period (30-day) to follow final draft report

Meetings

Meeting	Dates
Committee Web Meeting #1	Oct 19, 2016
Committee Web Meeting #2	January 2017
Committee In-Person Meeting #1 (2-day)	March 2017
Committee In-Person meeting #2 (2-day)	June 2017
Committee Web Meeting #3	September 2017

*All meetings are open to the public and NQF members
Meetings are webcast and recordings are posted on the project page.*

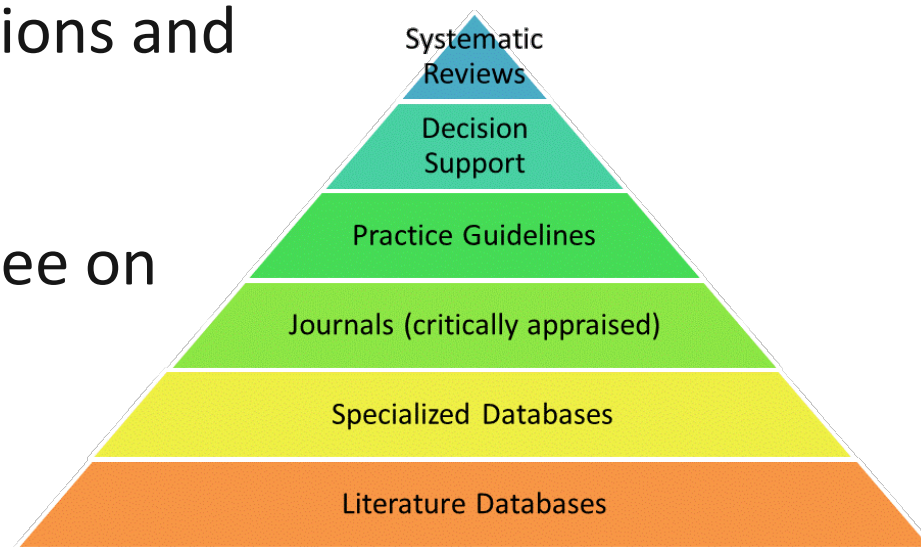
Literature Review

Objectives

- Describe the evidence of the disparities in healthcare and health outcomes in the target conditions
- Describe effective interventions in reducing disparities in the target conditions
 - *Identify performance measures to assess the impact of those interventions*
- Disparities in each condition will be examined based on following social risk factors:
 - » Socioeconomic position
 - » Race, ethnicity, and culture
 - » Residence and community
 - » Disability
- The literature review will describe the separate effects of each risk factor on the target conditions

Approach

- Review grey literature, peer reviewed publications, white papers, news articles, and websites
- Publication between 2006-2016
 - *U.S. only*
- Use MeSH terms with multiple key words related to the conditions and social risk factors
- Key informant interviews
- Obtain input from Committee on sources found (continuous)



Discussion Questions

- Are there particular systematic reviews that should be targeted to describe the disparities?
- What are examples of effective interventions that have reduce disparities in the target conditions?
 - *What sources should be targeted to identify these interventions?*
 - *What are examples of performance measures that have been used to assess the impact of these interventions? Where can these measures be found?*
 - *What level of impact is considered effective?*

Update on the NQF SES Trial Period

Opportunity for Public Comment

Next Steps

- 1st draft report December 15
- January web meeting
- Schedule in-person meeting and future web meetings