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## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR TECHNICAL ADVISORY PANELS COST AND RESOURCE USE 2011

NQF is seeking nominations for members of four Technical Advisory Panels (TAPs) for a new project to endorse resource use measures for public reporting and quality improvement.

**BACKGROUND:** This is NQF's first project focused on endorsing resource use measures. For the purposes of this project, resource use measures are defined as broadly applicable and comparable measures of input counts (in terms of units or dollars) applied to a population or population sample and count the frequency of specific resources (these resource units may be monetized as appropriate). Although resource use measures alone do not capture efficiency, they can be used as a building block toward understanding efficiency. Through the measurement of resource use, providers and other stakeholders can associate a measure of cost with a specified level of quality of care toward understanding the efficiency of care for a population.

This Consensus Development Process (CDP) project marks the beginning of the second phase of NQF work focused on resource use. The first phase was dedicated to understanding the measurement and evaluation of resource use measures and resulted in the [NQF Resource Use Measure Evaluation Criteria](#). These criteria are based on the current NQF Measure Evaluation Criteria and also account for important attributes necessary to evaluate the resource use measures.

NQF plans to empanel four Technical Advisory Panels (TAPs) of up to 10 members each to provide additional measurement and clinical expertise in specific clinical areas. The TAPs will work with NQF staff to provide technical evaluation of the measures against NQF's resource use measure evaluation criteria. The TAPs will be chaired by a member of the Resource Use Steering Committee with the relevant clinical expertise to ensure consistency across TAPs and the Steering Committee. NQF is soliciting nominations for the following TAPs:

Cardiovascular/Diabetes – Expertise in resource use, quality measurement and/or clinical care for cardiovascular conditions, including congestive heart failure, coronary artery disease, acute myocardial infarction, stroke, and diabetes.

Pulmonary - Expertise in resource use, quality measurement and/or clinical care for pulmonary conditions, including asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, and pneumonia.

Cancer - Expertise in resource use, quality measurement and/or clinical care for cancer, including breast and colorectal cancers.

Bone/Joint - Expertise in resource use, quality measurement and/or clinical care for bone and joint-related disorders, including hip/knee replacements, hip/pelvic fractures, and low back pain.

**Technical Advisory Panel members should not have a vested interest in the candidate measures. This includes employees or contractors of measure owners/developers; members of workgroups that developed the measures; and members of committees that approve**

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**measures, or direct or set policy for measure development.** Please see the NQF website for additional information about the conflict of interest policy. All potential Technical Advisory members must disclose any current and past activities during the nomination process.

As with all NQF projects, the TAPs will work with NQF staff to provide advice about the subject, ensure input is obtained from relevant stakeholders, review draft products, evaluate the measures against the criteria, and research priorities to NQF Members for consideration under the Consensus Development Process.

**Time Commitment:** Each TAP will meet in Washington, DC, for an in-person meeting. Members are required to attend an orientation call on **Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 12-2pm ET** and an introductory call to the resource use measurement approaches on **Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 3-5pm ET**; additional calls will be scheduled as needed. Due to the complexity of these measures, it is anticipated that several conference calls will be required for each TAP between May and August 2011.

Cardiovascular/Diabetes TAP: In-person meeting – **Tuesday, May 10-Wednesday, May 11, 2011**

Cancer TAP: In-person meeting – **Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>**

Bone/Joint TAP: In-person meeting – **Thursday, July 7<sup>th</sup>**

Pulmonary TAP: In-person meeting – **Tuesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>**

**CONSIDERATION AND SUBSTITUTION:** Priority will be given to nominations from NQF Members. Please note that nominations are to an individual, not an organization, so “substitutions” of other individuals from an organization at conference calls are not permitted.

**MATERIAL TO SUBMIT:** 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 a Technical Advisory Panel, please submit the following materials through the project page on the NQF web site:

- a completed Nomination Form;
- confirmation of availability to participate in the orientation call and relevant in-person meeting;
- a 2-page letter of interest;
- a 100 word maximum biography, 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*; and
- completed Disclosure of Interest form.

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION:** All nominations *MUST* be submitted by **6:00 pm ET on Tuesday, March 1, 2011.**

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**QUESTIONS:** If you have any questions, please contact, Ashlie Wilbon, MPH, BSN, at 202-559-9478 or Sarah Fanta at 202-559-9470 or via e-mail at [efficiency@qualityforum.org](mailto:efficiency@qualityforum.org). Thank you for your interest!