

NATIONAL QUALITY FORUM

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ADDITIONAL CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Gastrointestinal & Genitourinary Endorsement Maintenance

Additional expertise is needed for the Gastrointestinal & Genitourinary Steering Committee. This Call for Nominations is targeted for the following gaps in the Steering Committee's expertise:

- Purchaser representative
- Irritable bowel disease (IBD) specialist
- Endoscopy expert
- Women's health/urogynecology specialist

BACKGROUND

This project seeks to evaluate measures that address gastrointestinal (GI) and genitourinary (GU) conditions.

NQF is seeking measures that could be used for accountability and public reporting in the following topic areas related to GI and GU health for adults and children in all settings of care. Measures for assessing quality of treatments, diagnostic studies, interventions, screening or procedures associated with these organ systems and conditions will be considered:

- GI
 - Gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD)
 - Gastroenteritis
 - GI bleeding
 - Peptic ulcer disease
 - Liver disease (cirrhosis, end-stage liver disease, portal hypertension)
 - Colitis
 - Diverticulitis
 - Irritable bowel syndrome (IBS)
 - Gallstones
 - Diarrhea/constipation
 - Pancreatitis
 - Appendicitis
 - Celiac disease
 - Other related conditions
- GU
 - Incontinence
 - Neurogenic bladder
 - Urinary tract infection
 - Urinary tract stones
 - Cystitis
 - Hernias
 - Congenital anomalies of the urinary tract

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- Other related conditions

NQF is particularly interested in measures (composite and outcome):

- applicable to more than one setting;
- that capture broad populations, including children and adolescents where applicable;
- of chronic care management and care coordination for these conditions; and
- sensitive to the needs of vulnerable populations, including racial/ethnic minorities and Medicaid populations.

STEERING COMMITTEE

A multi-stakeholder Steering Committee will evaluate newly submitted and maintenance measures against the four NQF Measure Evaluation Criteria (importance, scientific acceptability, usability and use, and feasibility) and make recommendations for which measures should be endorsed as consensus standards. The Steering Committee, comprising of 20-22 individuals, will represent the variety of stakeholders, including consumers, purchasers, providers, professionals, plans, suppliers, community and public health, and healthcare quality experts.

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 the topics listed above, across multiple care settings. NQF is seeking nominees with a variety of clinical experience, including physicians, nurses, therapists, case managers, unit managers, and executives. We also are seeking expertise in disparities and care of vulnerable populations.

The Steering Committee's primary work is to evaluate the submitted measures against NQF's standard [measure evaluation criteria](#) and make recommendations for endorsement. This Committee will evaluate measures and will work with NQF staff to develop specific project plans, provide advice about the subject, ensure input is obtained from relevant stakeholders, review draft products, and recommend specific measures and research priorities to NQF Members for consideration under the Consensus Development Process.

Steering Committee 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 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 Steering Committee members must disclose any current and past activities during the nomination process.

TIME COMMITMENT

This endorsement-maintenance project will pilot elements of the proposed two-stage CDP. In each stage, the Steering Committee will meet in person for a two-day meeting in Washington, DC. Committee members must be available to attend the meetings. Additionally, in each stage, Steering Committee members will meet approximately 2-3 times via conference call, and will be

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asked to review materials and provide feedback throughout the process on reports and other products of the evaluation process. Additional conference calls may be needed.

Stage 1 Dates (2012):

- Orientation Webinar: **July 11th (11am-1pm ET)**
- Measure Evaluation Training Webinars [*Optional*]:
 - **July 12 (2-4pm ET)**
 - **July 17th (12-2pm ET)**
- In person meeting #1: **August 27-28**
- Conference call to discuss comments: **October 31 (3-5pm ET)**

Stage 2 Dates (2013):

- Conference call and in person meeting dates for stage 2 will be scheduled once the full committee has been seated.

CONSIDERATION AND SUBSTITUTION

Priority will be given to nominations from NQF Members. Please note that nominations are for an individual, not an organization, so “substitutions” of other individuals from an organization at conference calls or meetings is 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 the Steering Committee, please submit the following information via the [online nomination form](#):

- a two-page letter of interest;
- a short biography (maximum 750 characters), 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
- a completed [conflict of interest form](#).

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION

All nominations **MUST** be submitted by **6:00 pm ET on July 9, 2012**.

QUESTIONS

Additional information on the project can be found on the [project page](#). If you have any questions, please contact Ashlie Wilbon, RN, MPH, at 202-783-1300 or awilbon@qualityforum.org. Thank you for your assistance.

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