



## Geriatrics and Palliative Care

### BACKGROUND

Improving the quality of palliative, end-of-life, and geriatric care is becoming increasingly important due to several factors such as the aging of the U.S. population; the projected increases in the number of Americans with chronic illnesses, disabilities, and functional limitations; and increases in ethnic and cultural diversity, which have intensified the need for individualized, person-centered care.

### COMMITTEE CHARGE

The Geriatrics and Palliative Care Portfolio Standing Committee oversees NQF's portfolio of geriatric, palliative, and end-of-life care measures. [Measures](#) in this portfolio address physical aspects of care, including the management of pain, dyspnea, and constipation. The portfolio also includes measures addressing several of the other domains of care including spiritual, psychological, cultural, and legal aspects of care and care of the patient at the end of life. The Geriatrics and Palliative Care Standing Committee evaluates newly submitted measures and measures undergoing maintenance evaluation against NQF's standard [measure evaluation criteria](#) and makes recommendations for endorsement.

The Committee's other responsibilities include:

- Overseeing the portfolio of measures
- Evaluating competing and related measures
- Identifying opportunities for harmonization of similar measures
- Recommending measure concepts for development to address gaps in the portfolio
- Providing advice or technical expertise about the subject to other committees as needed (e.g, cross-cutting committees or the Measure Applications Partnership)
- Ensuring input is obtained from relevant stakeholders
- Reviewing draft documents
- Recommending specific measures and research priorities to NQF members for consideration under the Consensus Development Process (CDP).

To learn more about the work of NQF's CDP standing committees, review our [Committee Guidebook](#).

## COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

The Committee will comprise no more than 25 individuals.

### **Terms**

Standing Committee members are initially appointed to a two- or three-year term. Each term thereafter is a two-year term, with Committee members permitted to serve two consecutive terms. After serving two terms, the Committee member must step down for one full term (two years) before becoming eligible for reappointment.

### **Participation on the Committee requires a significant time commitment.**

To apply, individuals should be available to participate in all currently scheduled calls/meetings. Over the course of the fall 2019 and spring 2020 evaluation cycles, additional calls will be scheduled or rescheduled, based on project needs. New dates will be set based Committee availability.

### **Committee participation includes the following activities:**

- Orientation webinar (2 hours)
- Identify and disclose potential biases (real or perceived)
- Review all assigned measure submission forms (approximately 2 hours per measure)
- Complete all surveys and evaluations
- Attend all scheduled evaluation meetings. These may be in-person meetings (1-2 full days in Washington, DC) or a series of webinars (typically 2 hours each)
- Lead discussion for assigned measures on webinars or in-person meetings; actively participate in the committee's discussion; vote on ratings and endorsement recommendations for all measures
- Review meeting summaries and/or technical draft reports
- Review public and NQF member comments received on technical draft reports and participate on the post-comment webinar (2 hours)
- Complete additional measure evaluations, as needed
- Participate in additional calls or webinars, as needed
- Present measures and committee discussion on conference calls, webinars, and other meetings, as needed

### **Scheduled Meeting Dates for Geriatrics and Palliative Care Fall 2019 Cycle**

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Date/Time</b>
<b>Orientation Webinar (2 hours)</b>	January 9, 2019, 2-4 pm ET
<b>Measure Evaluation Meeting (2 hours)</b>	February 20, 2020, 3-5 pm ET
<b>Post-Measure Evaluation Meeting (2 hours)</b>	February 25, 2020, 12-2 pm ET
<b>Post-Comment Meeting (2 hours)</b>	May 14, 2020, 2-4 pm ET

Meeting dates for the Geriatrics and Palliative Care spring 2020 cycle to be determined.

## PREFERRED EXPERTISE AND COMPOSITION

Geriatrics and Palliative Care Committee members are selected to ensure representation from a variety of stakeholders, such as consumers, purchasers, providers, healthcare professionals, health plans, suppliers, community and public health experts, and those with healthcare performance measurement expertise. Because NQF attempts to represent a diversity of stakeholder perspectives on committees, a limited number of individuals from these stakeholder groups can be seated onto a committee.

For this nomination cycle, NQF is particularly interested in considering nominees with the following expertise or experience:

- Community-based palliative care
- Dementia and/or other neurocognitive conditions
- End-of-life care
- Prevalent conditions/disability in the aged and/or care delivery systems/settings that support the aged

**Please review the NQF [conflict of interest policy](#) to learn about how NQF identifies potential conflict of interest.** All potential Geriatrics and Palliative Care Committee 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 are not permitted. Committee members are encouraged to engage colleagues and solicit input from them throughout the process.

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Nominations are sought for individual subject matter experts. Self-nominations are welcome. Third-party nominations must indicate that the individual has been contacted and is willing to serve.

To nominate an individual to the Geriatrics and Palliative Standing Committee, please **submit** the following information:

- A completed [online nomination form](#), including:
  - A brief statement of interest
  - A brief description of nominee expertise highlighting experience relevant to the committee
  - 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 committees actively seeking nominees.
- Confirmation of availability to participate in currently scheduled calls and meeting dates. Committees actively seeking nominees will solicit this information upon submission of the online nomination form.

#### DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION

All nominations **MUST** be submitted by **6:00 pm ET on October 30, 2019**.

#### QUESTIONS

If you have any questions, please contact Kathryn Goodwin at 202-783-1300 or [palliative@qualityforum.org](mailto:palliative@qualityforum.org). Thank you for your interest.