



Geriatrics and Palliative Care

Background

Improving the quality of palliative, end-of-life, and geriatrics 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.

The Geriatrics and Palliative Care 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.

Committee Charge

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

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 2020 and spring 2021 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 (two hours)
- Identifying and disclosing potential biases (real or perceived)
- Reviewing all assigned measure submission forms (approximately two hours per measure)
- Complete all surveys and evaluations
- Attending all scheduled evaluation meetings. These may be in-person meetings (one to two full days in Washington, DC) or a series of webinars (typically two hours each)
- Leading discussion for assigned measures on webinars or in-person meetings; actively participate in the Committee's discussion; vote on ratings and endorsement recommendation for all measures
- Reviewing meeting summaries and/or technical draft reports
- Reviewing public and NQF member comments received on technical draft report and participating in post-comment webinar (two hours)
- Completing additional measure evaluations, as needed
- Participating in additional calls or webinars, as needed
- Presenting measures and committee discussion on conference calls, webinars, and other meetings, as needed

Table of Scheduled Meeting Dates for Geriatrics and Palliative Care Fall 2020 Cycle

Meeting	Date/Time
Orientation Webinar (2 hours)	January 8, 2021 3 – 5 PM ET
Measure Evaluation Meeting #1 (2 hours)	February 17, 2021 3 – 5 PM ET
Measure Evaluation Meeting #2 (2 hours)	February 18, 2021 3 – 5 PM ET
Post-Comment Meeting (2 hours)	June 4, 2021 1 – 3 PM ET

Preferred Expertise and Composition

Geriatrics and Palliative Care members are selected to ensure representation from a variety of stakeholders, including consumers, purchasers, providers, professionals, plans, suppliers, community and public health, and healthcare quality experts. Because NQF attempts to represent a diversity of stakeholder perspectives, a limited number of individuals from each of these stakeholder groups can be seated onto a Committee.

For this nominations cycle, NQF is particularly interested in considering nominees with expertise or experience in spiritual care in palliative care.

Nominations due by Monday, November 2, 2020 6:00 pm ET

Please review the NQF conflict of interest policy to learn about how NQF identifies potential conflict of interest. All potential Geriatrics and Palliative Care 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 discouraged. Committee members are encouraged to engage colleagues and solicit input from them throughout the process.

Application Requirements

Nominations are sought for individuals and 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 Care 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 Monday, November 2, 2020.**

Questions

If you have any questions, please contact the Geriatrics and Palliative Care project team by email at palliative@qualityforum.org. Thank you for your interest.