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# Geriatrics and Palliative Care Fall 2018 Measure Review Cycle

Standing Committee Meeting

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# Agenda

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- Introductions and Disclosure of Interest
- Portfolio Review
- Overview of Evaluation Process
- Consideration of Candidate Measures
- NQF Member and Public Comment
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- Adjourn

# NQF Staff

- Project staff
  - ▣ *Karen Johnson, Senior Director*
  - ▣ *Katie Goodwin, Senior Project Manager*
  - ▣ *Vaishnavi Kosuri, Project Analyst*
- NQF Quality Measurement leadership staff
  - ▣ *Elisa Munthali, Senior Vice President*

# Introductions and Disclosures of Interest

# Geriatrics and Palliative Care Standing Committee

Sean Morrison, MD (co-chair)

Deborah Waldrop, PhD, LMSW, ACSW  
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Margie Atkinson, D Min, BCC

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Laura Porter, MD

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Gregg VandeKieft, MD, MA

# Portfolio Review

# Geriatrics and Palliative Care Portfolio of Measures

- NQF currently has 38 endorsed measures within this topic area
  - ▣ *Palliative/End-of-Life Care*
    - » Physical aspects of care (n=13)
      - *Pain (n=10)*
      - *Dyspnea (n=2)*
      - *Constipation (n=1)*
    - » Cultural aspects of care (n=1)
    - » Spiritual, religious, and existential aspects of care (n=1)
    - » Ethical and legal aspects of care (n=3)
      - *Care planning*

# Geriatrics and Palliative Care Portfolio of Measures

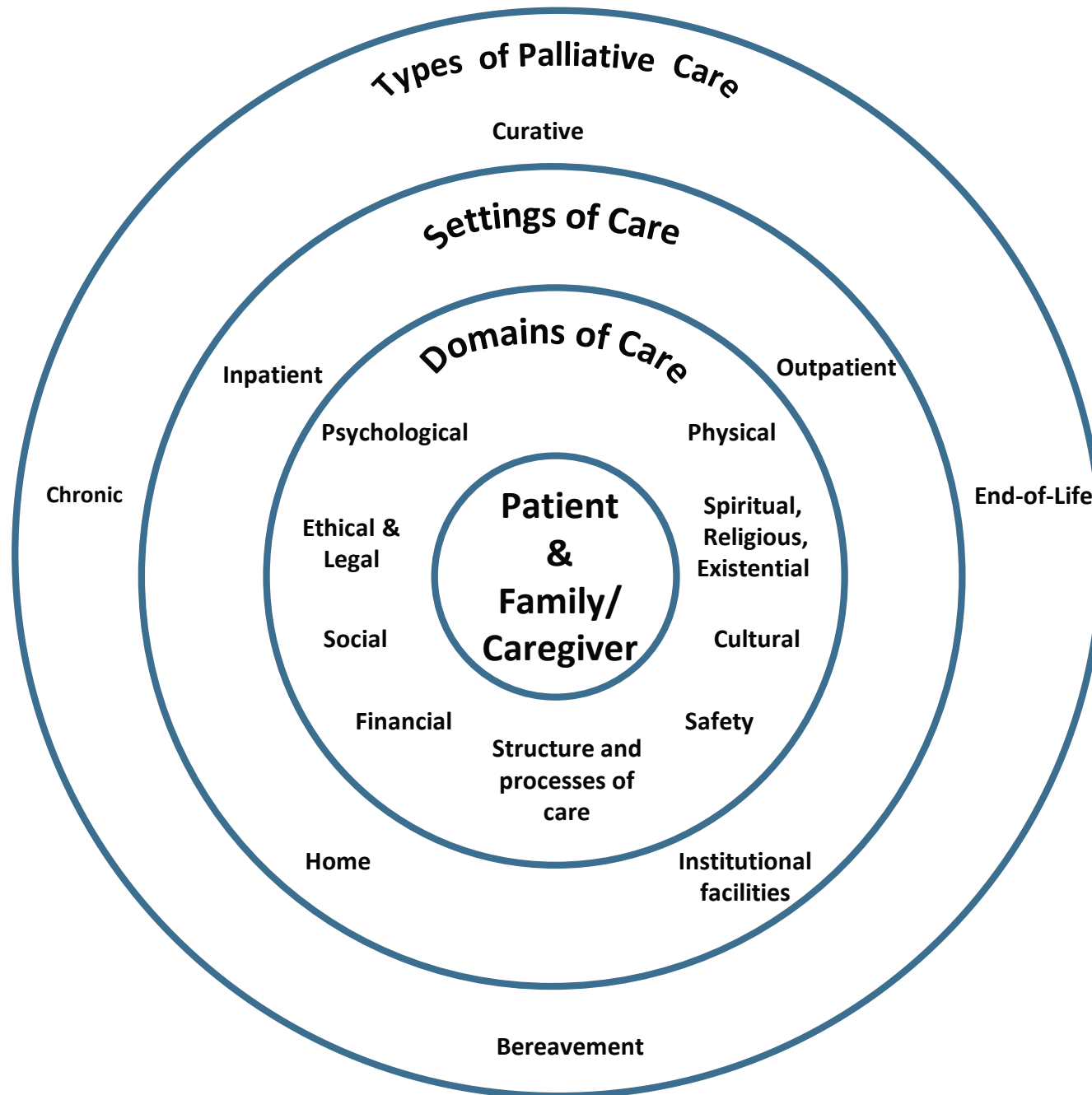
## ■ Palliative/End-of-Life Care

- ▣ *Care of the patient nearing the end of life (n=15)*
  - » Appropriateness of care (n=5)
  - » Comprehensive assessment (n=1)
  - » Experience of care
    - *Hospice CAHPS survey measures (n=8)*
    - *Bereaved Family Survey (n=1)*

## ■ Geriatrics

- ▣ *0167 Improvement in ambulation/locomotion*
- ▣ *0174 Improvement in bathing*
- ▣ *0175 Improvement in bed transferring*
- ▣ *0176 Improvement in management of oral medications*
- ▣ *0177 Improvement in pain interfering with activity*





# Overview of Evaluation Process

# Roles of the Standing Committee

## *During the Evaluation Meeting*

- Act as a proxy for the NQF multistakeholder membership
- Work with NQF staff to achieve the goals of the project
- Evaluate each measure against each criterion
  - ▣ *Indicate the extent to which each criterion is met and rationale for the rating*
- Make recommendations regarding endorsement to the NQF membership
- Oversee portfolio of Geriatrics and Palliative Care measures

# Ground Rules for Today's Meeting

## **During the discussion, please do your best to:**

- Attend the meeting at all times
  - ▣ *If you need to step away, please send a chat to NQF staff*
- Announce your name prior to speaking
- Remain engaged and active in the discussion
- Keep comments focused on the discussion topic
  
- We MAY use the “raise hand” functionality as a way to queue speakers

# Process for Measure Discussion and Voting

- Brief introduction of the measure set by measure developer (3-5 minutes)
- Lead discussants will begin Committee discussion for each criterion:
  - ▣ *Briefly summarize information on the criterion provided by the developer*
  - ▣ *Provide a brief summary of the pre-meeting evaluation comments*
  - ▣ *Emphasize areas of concern or differences of opinion*
  - ▣ *Note, if needed, the preliminary rating by NQF*
    - » This rating is intended to be used as a guide to facilitate the Committee's discussion and evaluation
- Developers will be available to respond to questions, at the discretion of the Committee
- The full Committee will discuss, then vote, on the criterion, before moving on to the next criterion

# Voting

- Votes will be taken after the discussion of each criterion
- Importance to measure and report
  - ▣ Vote on Evidence (must-pass)
  - ▣ Vote on Gap (must-pass)
- Scientific acceptability of measure properties
  - ▣ Vote on Reliability (must-pass)
  - ▣ Vote on Validity (must-pass)
- Feasibility
- Use (must-pass for maintenance measures)
- Usability
- Overall vote for suitability for endorsement
- **If a measure does not pass a must-pass subcriterion, discussion and subsequent voting on remaining criteria will stop**
- **Vote on the measure as specified**

# Achieving Consensus

- Quorum: 66% of the Committee
- Pass/Recommended: Greater than 60% “Yes” votes of the quorum (usually this percent is the sum of high and moderate votes)
- Consensus not reached (CNR): 40-60% “Yes” votes (inclusive of 40% and 60%) of the quorum
- Does not pass/Not Recommended: Less than 40% “Yes” votes of the quorum
- CNR measures move forward to public and NQF member comment and the Committee will re-vote during the post-comment call

# NQF Scientific Methods Panel Review

- NQF's Scientific Methods Panel evaluated all 5 measures for Reliability and Validity
  - ▣ *The Panel, consisting of individuals with methodologic expertise, was established to help ensure a higher-level evaluation of the scientific acceptability of complex measures*
  - ▣ *The Panel's evaluation is meant to inform the standing committee's endorsement decision*
    - » The standing committee may arrive at a different rating than that of the Panel



# Questions?

# Voting Process

# Consideration of Candidate Measure 0167

# Consideration of Candidate Measure 0174

# Consideration of Candidate Measure 0175

# Consideration of Candidate Measure 0176

# Consideration of Candidate Measure 0177

# Related and Competing Measures



# Related or Competing Measures

	Same concepts for measure focus	Different concepts for measure focus
Same target patient population	<b>Competing measures—</b> <b>Select best measure</b> from competing measures or justify endorsement of additional measure(s)	<b>Related measures—</b> <b>Harmonize</b> on target patient population or justify differences
Different target patient population	<b>Related measures—</b> <b>Combine</b> into one measure with expanded target patient population or justify why different harmonized measures are needed	Neither harmonization nor competing measure issue

# Related Measures

- **2887** Functional Change: Change in Motor Score
- **2321** Functional Change: Change in Mobility Score
- **2632** Long-Term Care Hospital (LTCH) Functional Outcome Measure: Change in Mobility Among Patients Requiring Ventilator Support
- **2634** Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) Functional Outcome Measure: Change in Mobility Score for Medical Rehabilitation Patients
- **2774** Functional Change: Change in Mobility Score for Skilled Nursing Facilities
- **2775** Functional Change: Change in Motor Score for Skilled Nursing Facilities
- **2776** Functional Change: Change in Motor Score in Long Term Acute Care Facilities
- **2778** Functional Change: Change in Mobility Score for Long Term Acute Care Facilities
- **2612** CARE: Improvement in Mobility
- **2613** CARE: Improvement in Self Care

# Public Comment

# Adjourn



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# Welcome and Recap of Day 1

# Consideration of Candidate Measures

# Public Comment



# Next Steps

# Activities and Timeline

Process Step	Timeline
Post-meeting call (if needed)	Thursday, February 21, 2019, 1-3 pm ET
Draft report posted for public and NQF member comment	March 21 – April 19, 2019
SC Call to review and respond to comments	Monday, May 13, 2019, 2-4 pm ET
CSAC review and approval	June 2019
Appeals	June – July 2019

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