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# Geriatrics and Palliative Care Spring 2019 Measure Review Cycle

Standing Committee Meeting  
Karen Johnson, Senior Director  
Katie Goodwin, Project Manager  
Vaishnavi Kosuri, Project Analyst

*June 18, 2019*

# Agenda

- Welcome
- Introductions and Disclosure of Interest
- Overview of Evaluation Process
- Consideration of Candidate Measures
- NQF Member and Public Comment
- Next Steps
- 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

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# 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

# Questions?

# Consideration of Candidate Measure 3497: Evaluation of Functional Status (Basic and Instrumental Activities of Daily Living [ADL]) for Home-Based Primary Care and Palliative Care Patients

# Consideration of Candidate Measure 3500: Evaluation of Cognitive Function for Home-Based Primary Care and Palliative Care Patients

# Public Comment

# Adjourn





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*June 20, 2019*

# Welcome and Recap of Day 1

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# Consideration of Candidate Measures

# Public Comment

# Next Steps

# Activities and Timeline

Process Step	Timeline
Post-meeting call (if needed)	Thursday, June 20, 2019, 2-4 pm ET
Draft report posted for public and NQF member comment	August 8 – September 6, 2019
SC Call to review and respond to comments	Thursday, October 3, 2019, 2-4 pm ET
CSAC review and approval	November 2019
Appeals	November – December 2019

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