



Geriatrics and Palliative Care Standing Committee Web Meeting

The National Quality Forum (NQF) convened a public web meeting for the Geriatrics and Palliative Care Standing Committee on February 21, 2018.

Welcome, Introductions, and Review of Web Meeting Objectives

Karen Johnson, NQF senior director, welcomed participants to the web meeting. Ms. Johnson provided opening remarks and reviewed the following meeting objectives:

- Orient Standing Committee members to the newly redesigned Consensus Development Process (CDP)
- Review changes to NQF's measure evaluation criteria
- Review of project activities and timelines

Overview of CDP Redesign

Kirsten Reed, NQF project manager, presented the recent revisions to the CDP that were initiated in the summer of 2017.

Major changes include the following:

- Two measure submission cycles for every topic area, each calendar year
- Streamlined committee topic areas; 22 topical areas were consolidated to 15 new topical areas
- Formation of an independent Scientific Methods Panel, which is tasked with conducting scientific acceptability reviews of complex measures
- Formation of the expert review pool, which can serve as an adjunct to NQF standing committees to ensure broad representation and provide technical expertise when needed
- Revised the technical report structure to minimize the length and density of the report
- Extended 16-week public and NQF member commenting period
- Expanded training and education opportunities for all stakeholders

2017 Changes to NQF Evaluation Criteria and Guidance

Kathryn Goodwin, NQF senior project manager, presented the 2017 changes to NQF's measure evaluation criteria and guidance.

Major changes include the following:

- Strengthening the requirements for outcome measures
- Additional guidance for instrument-based measures
- Additional guidance for threshold and timeframes
- Strengthening guidance for face validity
- Clarified wording around the exclusion criteria
- Use criterion is now must-pass for maintenance measures

- New requirements on the testing of measures previously coded using ICD-9 that now rely on ICD-10 coding

The Committee expressed its support of the recent changes, which members think will make the consensus development process more current and relevant. The Committee also expressed interest in reviewing a specific measure during an upcoming web meeting as an example to help reacquaint them with NQF's measure evaluation criteria.

Public Comment

Kirsten Reed opened the web meeting to allow for public comment. No public comments were received.

Next Steps

Kirsten Reed presented on the Committee's next steps. The next web meeting with the Geriatrics and Palliative Care Standing Committee will take place on May 9, 2018. During this meeting, NQF will review the basics of performance measurement and how it relates to the Committee's work.