

Neurology Standing Committee Web Meeting

The National Quality Forum (NQF) convened a public web meeting for the Neurology Standing Committee on January 29, 2019.

Welcome, Introductions, and Review of Web Meeting Objectives

Debjani Mukherjee, NQF senior director, welcomed participants to the web meeting. Ms. Mukherjee also provided opening remarks and introduced the Neurology project team. Michael Abrams, NQF senior director—a new member of the Neurology project team—also briefly described of his past experiences and biography to the Committee.

Christy Skipper, NQF senior project manager, reviewed the meeting objective, which was to review the NQF measure evaluation criteria, with a specific focus on electronic clinical quality measures (eCQMs). Ms. Skipper informed the Committee that two new measures would undergo review in the upcoming spring cycle:

- NQF 2872e Dementia Cognitive Assessment (PCPI Foundation)
- NQF 3506 Harmed Dizzy Stroke (Armstrong Institute for Patient Safety)

NQF Evaluation Criteria Review

Ms. Mukherjee reviewed the NQF measure evaluation criteria, which include assessing how well a measure submission meets level of evidence, scientific acceptability (e.g., reliability and validity criteria), feasibility, and use and usability requirements. Additionally, Chris Millett, an NQF consultant, provided an overview of eCQMs noting the additional criteria for eCQMs including:

- Value sets used by the measure must be published in the Value Set Authority Center (VSAC)
- Documentation of testing on more than one electronic health record system vendor
- Completion of the feasibility assessment scorecard
- Test results from a simulated data set to confirm that the measure logic is loading and calculating as intended

Public Comment and Next Steps

At the conclusion of the meeting, Ms. Skipper opened the line for public comment. No public comments were submitted. Ms. Skipper reminded the Committee of the upcoming web meeting on April 25, 2019 and encouraged the Committee to submit topics for future discussion. She also reminded members to review the Committee SharePoint site, the Committee guidebook, and the updated measure evaluation criteria guidebook.