

Neurology Phase I
Endorsement Maintenance
Pre-voting Webinar

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Webinar Goals

New process in NQF's CDP:

- Provides opportunity for clarification prior to voting
- Provides information about requirements of developers and Steering Committees:
 - » Measure submission requirements
 - » Maintenance of endorsed measures
 - » Endorsement of new measures
 - » Harmonization / Competing Measures

Neurology Phase I Endorsement Maintenance Project Purpose and Goals

This NQF project seeks to identify and endorse measures that could be used for accountability and public reporting on stroke care for adults and children in all settings of care.

The project evaluated 25 maintenance measures and 6 newly-submitted measures.

Recommendations

Of measures evaluated:

- 14 measures are recommended for new or continued endorsement
 - » Continued endorsement of 13 measures
 - » Endorsement of 1 new measure
 - » Separate comment and potential Committee re-voting period for 2 remaining new measures due to follow-up actions resulting from commenting period

Project Status

- 30-day member and public comment period closed on August 13, 2012
- 53 comments have been addressed by developers and Steering Committee
- Voting period open from September 11 - 26 with 14 measures recommended for endorsement
- Draft report and comment table available on the project page

NQF Process

Measure evaluation criteria

- No measures eligible for Time-Limited Endorsement—testing data for reliability and validity required
- Used new guidance for related/competing measures; struggled with “best in class”
- Harmonization

Overarching Issues

- High performance
- Disparities in care
- Risk-adjustment for outcome measures
- Related/competing measures

Comment Themes

- Feasibility
- Harmonization of stroke rehabilitation measures
- Inclusion of a stroke severity indicator in risk-adjustment models for stroke mortality and readmissions measures

Voting

Neurology Phase I Vote Period:

**All votes must be submitted electronically
by 6pm ET on September 25**

Neurology Phase I Endorsement Maintenance: NQF Member Voting Period

Questions?