

CALL FOR MEASURES: NATIONAL VOLUNTARY CONSENSUS STANDARDS FOR NURSING HOMES

The National Quality Forum (NQF) is initiating a consensus development project seeking endorsement of performance measures for nursing homes and post-acute care nursing facilities.

A core set of performance measures for chronic and post-acute care nursing facilities provides tools for regulators, purchasers, and consumers to evaluate the quality of care in these facilities, as well as measures that facilities can use to assess and improve the quality of care they provide. These measures evaluate the resident's physical and clinical conditions and abilities, as well as preferences and life care wishes.

To date, NQF has endorsed 17 performance measures for nursing homes. To meet the need for additional quality measures for nursing homes and post-acute nursing facilities for use in quality improvement and public reporting, NQF will use its formal Consensus Development Process (CDP) to seek endorsement of outcome, process, patient experience of care, and/or structural measures.

This "Call" solicits candidate measures for review, evaluation, and potential endorsement as national voluntary consensus standards for nursing homes and post-acute nursing facilities.

Any organization or individual may submit measures for consideration. To be included as part of the initial evaluation, candidate consensus standards must meet the following general criteria:

- be fully developed for use (e.g., research and testing have been completed);
- be open source or in the public domain¹
- have an identified measure steward²
- be intended for both public reporting and quality improvement

To submit a measure, please complete the following:

- [Online Measure Submission Form](#)
Clicking on this link will redirect you to the webpage for this project, from which you can access the online measure submission form.
- [Measure Steward Agreement Form](#)

Please note that no material will be accepted without fully executing the attached *Measure Steward Agreement Form*. All materials not meeting this requirement will be returned to the sender.

Materials must be submitted using the online measure submission form by 6:00 pm, ET on Friday, March 19, 2010. If you have any questions, please contact Suzanne Theberge, MPH or Del Conyers, MPH at 202.783.1300 or via email at nursinghome@qualityforum.org subject line, "Nursing Home." Thank you for your assistance with this project!