

# THE NATIONAL QUALITY FORUM

## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS TO STEERING COMMITTEE NURSING HOMES

NQF is seeking nominations for members of a Steering Committee for a new project to endorse performance measures for nursing homes and post-acute nursing facilities.

**BACKGROUND:** 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.

**STEERING COMMITTEE:** A Steering Committee will oversee the development of a draft consensus report, including recommendation of which measures should be endorsed as consensus standards in nursing homes and post-acute nursing facilities. **Steering Committee members should not have a vested interest in the candidate measures. This includes employees or contractors of measure owners/developers; members of workgroups that developed the measures; and members of committees that approve measures, or direct or set policy for measure development.** All potential Steering Committee members must review the attached Disclosure of Interest Policy and complete the attached Disclosure of Interest Form in order to be considered for participation on a Steering Committee.

In order to endorse consensus standards for nursing homes and post-acute nursing facilities which have potential to improve patient outcomes and increase the quality of care, NQF is seeking nominations for members of a Steering Committee with various stakeholder perspectives and expertise in long-term and post-acute care. Specific areas of expertise needed may include, but not limited to immunization, pressure ulcers, depression, pain management, fall prevention, nutrition, and improvement in activities of daily living.

As with all NQF projects, the Steering Committee will work with NQF staff to develop specific project plans, provide advice about the subject, ensure input is obtained from relevant stakeholders, review draft products, and recommend specific measures and research priorities to NQF Members for consideration under the Consensus Development Process.

**TIME COMMITMENT:** *The Steering Committee will meet in person for a two-day meeting on Wednesday and Thursday, April 21 and 22, 2010 in Washington, DC.* Additionally, Steering Committee members will meet by conference call for two hours Thursday, April 8, 2010 from 1 to 3 pm EST. Follow-up e-mail communications or conference calls may be needed.

**NOMINATIONS DUE BY TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2010 6:00 PM EST**

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**CONSIDERATION AND SUBSTITUTION:** Priority will be given to nominations from NQF Members. Please note that nominations are to an individual, not an organization, so “substitutions” of other individuals from an organization at conference calls are not permitted.

**MATERIAL TO SUBMIT:** Self-nominations are welcome. Third-party nominations must indicate that the individual has been contacted and is willing to serve. To be considered for appointment to the Steering Committee, please send the following information:

- A completed [Nomination Form](#);
- confirmation of availability to participate in the April 21 and 22, 2010 in person meeting;
- a 2-page letter of interest and a 100 word maximum biography, highlighting experience/knowledge relevant to the expertise described above and involvement in candidate measure development; and
- curriculum vitae and/or list of relevant experience (e.g., publications) *up to 20 pages*; and
- completed [Disclosure of Interest Form](#).

Materials should be submitted only via email to [nursinghome@qualityforum.org](mailto:nursinghome@qualityforum.org) with the subject line “Nursing Home Nominations”.

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION:** All nominations MUST be submitted by **6:00pm EST on February 23, 2010**.

**QUESTIONS:** 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](mailto:nursinghome@qualityforum.org). Thank you for your assistance with this project!

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