

THE NATIONAL QUALITY FORUM

National Voluntary Consensus Standards for Nursing Homes

The Opportunity

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 metrics 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.

About the Project

The Nursing Home project will begin in December 2009. NQF will implement this project as a follow-up to the [National Voluntary Consensus Standards for Nursing Home Care](#) project completed in April 2004.

Objective

This NQF project seeks to identify and endorse (outcome, process, and/or structural) measures and patient experience of care surveys that specifically address nursing home quality measures for public reporting and quality improvement. This project also will provide maintenance to the current NQF-endorsed® nursing home measures.

Process

Candidate nursing home measures will be considered for NQF endorsement as voluntary consensus standards. Agreement around the recommendations will be developed through NQF's formal [Consensus Development Process](#) (CDP). This project, like all NQF activities, involves the active participation of representatives from across the spectrum of healthcare stakeholders and is guided by a Steering Committee.

FUNDING

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Related NQF Work

- [National Voluntary Consensus Standards for Nursing Home Care](#)

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