



## Opioid Technical Expert Panel Web 1 Meeting

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The National Quality Forum (NQF) convened a public web meeting for the Opioid Technical Expert Panel (TEP) on April 24, 2019.

### Welcome, Introductions, and Review of Web Meeting Objectives

Michael Abrams, NQF Senior Director, began by welcoming participants to the orientation meeting for the Opioid and Opioid Use Disorder project. Dr. Abrams provided opening remarks and reviewed the following meeting objectives: introduction of project team and Panel, overview of NQF, overview of the Opioid TEP, introduction to the environmental scan, and a SharePoint tutorial.

Samuel Stolpe, NQF Senior Director, requested disclosures of interest and led Panel member introductions. Dr. Abrams noted that Dr. Schiff and Dr. Marshall will be the co-chairs of the Opioid Technical Expert Panel.

### Overview of NQF and Overview of Project

Poonam Bal, Senior Project Manager, provided a general overview of NQF's mission and activities. Dr. Stolpe then noted the regulatory background behind the project, including the purpose of the TEP:

1. Provide guidance on the environmental scan of current measures and measure concepts related to opioids and opioid use disorders;
2. Identify and prioritize measure gaps in quality measurement to inform future measure development efforts; and
3. Provide recommendations on the use of opioids and opioid use disorder measures in federal programs.

Dr. Stolpe also summarized the Panel's and NQF staff's roles during the project.

The Panel will meet via seven web meetings to achieve the objectives of the project.

### Environmental Scan and Panel Discussion

Dr. Abrams noted that the environmental scan will identify measures, measure concepts, and gaps related to opioids and opioid use disorder. Dr. Abrams also noted that opioid and opioid use disorder refers not only to measures addressing opioid use disorders but also measures addressing the analgesic application of opioids. Dr. Abrams outlined the search strategy of the environmental scan, including the use of PubMed, grey literature, and reports from foundations relevant to the scan. In addition, Dr. Abrams discussed research questions and specific search terms used for the literature review.

The Panel provided input on the environmental scan including inquiries regarding the scope of the project. A Panel member discussed the creation of a structure or network which identifies measurement within the scope of Opioid and Opioid Use. The Panel also noted potential gap areas such as prescribing behavior of veterinarians, procedure-specific prescribing patterns, infrastructure-associated measures, and use of dashboards for performance measures. A Panel member also noted barriers to substance use care and treatment, providing the current suboxone waiver requirements as an example.

### **Public Comment**

Vaishnavi Kosuri, Project Analyst, opened the web meeting for public comment. No public comments were offered.

### **SharePoint Overview**

Ms. Kosuri provided a general overview of SharePoint and noted that Panel members have individual login credentials to access the site.

### **Next Steps**

Ms. Kosuri highlighted the upcoming web meeting on May 13, 2019 and provided project contact information.