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CALL FOR ADDITIONAL NOMINATIONS PATIENT OUTCOMES

NQF is seeking nominations for an interventional cardiologist to fill a gap on the Cardiovascular Technical Advisory Panel (TAP) for the Patient Outcomes project.

BACKGROUND: To achieve quality healthcare across the full continuum, there is a need for more measures that specifically address various outcomes of care provided in our nation's healthcare system. Many outcome measures are inherently relevant because they reflect the reason consumers seek healthcare (e.g., to improve function, decrease pain, survive), as well as reflect the result healthcare providers are trying to achieve. To date, NQF has endorsed only a few outcome measures, typically focused on mortality, readmission, and complications.

TECHNICAL ADVISORY PANEL: This project is using multiple TAPs to provide additional measurement and clinical expertise in specific condition areas. The TAPs will work with NQF staff to provide technical evaluation of the measures against NQF's standard measure evaluation criteria.

Cardiovascular - TAP members should have expertise in patient outcomes, quality measurement and/or clinical care for cardiovascular conditions, specifically for interventional procedures.

Time Commitment: The Cardiovascular TAP will meet in Washington, DC for a one-day in-person meeting on January 19, 2010. Additional conference calls will be scheduled to complete the TAP evaluations as needed.

CONSIDERATION AND SUBSTITUTION: Please note that nominations are to an individual, not an organization, so "substitutions" of other individuals from an organization at meetings and conference calls are not permitted. TAP members will be sent meeting materials electronically 10-14 days prior to each meeting. TAP members are strongly encouraged to bring a laptop computer to the meetings. No paper copies of meeting materials will be distributed.

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 Committees or TAPs, please send the following information:

- A completed [Patient Outcomes Nomination Form](#);
- Confirmation of availability to participate at the in person meeting;
- A two-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;

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- A curriculum vitae and/or list of relevant experience (e.g., publications) *up to 20 pages*; and
- A completed [Non-Disclosure Agreement](#) form.

Materials should only be submitted via email to outcomes@qualityforum.org with the subject line "Nominations."

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: All nominations MUST be submitted by **6:00 p.m. ET on Monday, December 21, 2009.**

QUESTIONS: If you have any questions, please contact, Alexis Forman, MPH; or Reva Winkler, MD, MPH at 202-783-1300 or via e-mail at outcomes@qualityforum.org.

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