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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS NATIONAL VOLUNTARY CONSENSUS STANDARDS FOR PATIENT SAFETY

The National Quality Forum (NQF) is seeking nominations to fill the following identified gap:

• Experience and expertise with patient safety in the ambulatory surgical center (ASC) environment.

Nominees should also bring knowledge and expertise in the areas of medication safety and prevention/measurement of healthcare associated infections in the ASC environment.

BACKGROUND

There is a recognized need to expand available patient safety measures beyond the hospital setting and harmonize safety measures across sites and settings of care. To fill these gaps and develop a stronger set of safety measures, NQF has solicited patient safety measures to fill gap areas and to address environment-specific issues with the highest potential leverage for improvement. Nominated individuals may be utilized for the Patient Safety Measures Steering Committee and/or the Healthcare Associated Infection (HAI) Technical Advisory Panel.

Committee members should not have a vested interest in the candidate measures. Employees or contractors of measure owners/developers; members of workgroups that developed measures; and members of committees that approve measures, direct, or set policy for measure development should not apply. <u>Click here</u> to go to the NQF website for additional information about the conflict of interest policy. All potential committee members must disclose any current and past activities during the nomination process.

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

MATERIAL TO SUBMIT: Please note that self-nominations are welcome. Third-party nominations must indicate that the nominee has been contacted and is willing to serve.

To be considered for appointment to the Steering Committee, please send an e-mail to <u>patientsafety@qualityforum.org</u> with the subject line "Nominations" and the following information:

- A completed nomination form;
- confirmation of availability to participate in conference calls;

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- 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;
- a curriculum vitae and/or list of relevant experience (e.g., publications) up to 20 pages; and
- a completed disclosure of interest form.

Materials should be submitted only via e-mail to <u>patientsafety@qualityforum.org</u> with the subject line "Nominations."

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: All nominations MUST be submitted by Tuesday, July 6th, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

QUESTIONS: If you have any questions, please contact Andrew Lyzenga, MPP at 202.783.1300 or <u>patientsafety@qualityforum.org</u>. Thank you for your assistance.