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# Prevention and Population Health Fall 2020 Measure Review Cycle

## Measure Evaluation Standing Committee Meeting

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# Welcome



## Housekeeping Reminders

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- We encourage you to use the following features
  - ▣ Chat box: to message NQF staff or the group
  - ▣ Raise hand: to be called upon to speak
- We will conduct a Committee roll call once the meeting begins

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## Agenda

- Introduction and Disclosures of Interest
- Overview of Evaluation Process and Voting Process
- Recap of Day 1
- Voting Test
- Consideration of Candidate Measures
- NQF Member and Public Comment
- Next Steps
- Adjourn

# Disclosures of Interest

## Prevention and Population Health Fall 2020 Cycle Standing Committee

- Thomas McInerny, MD (**co-chair**)
- Amir Qaseem, MD, PhD, MHA (**co-chair**)
- Philip Alberti, PhD
- Ron Bialek, MPP, CQIA
- Jayaram Brindala, MD, MBA, MPH
- Gigi Chawla, MD, MHA
- Larry Curley, MPA
- **Favio Freyre, MD\***
- Barry-Lewis Harris, II, MD
- Catherine Hill, DNP, APRN
- Amy Nguyen Howell, MD, MBA, FAAFP
- Julia Logan, MD, MPH
- Patricia McKane, DVM MPH
- **Lisa Nichols, MSW\***
- **Patricia Quigley, PhD\***
- **Anita Ravi, MD, MPH, MSHP, FAAFP\***
- **Carol Siebert, OTD, OT/L, FAOTA \***
- Jason Spangler, MD, MPH, FACPM
- Rosalyn Stephens, RN, MSN, CCM
- Matt Stiefel, MPA, MS
- Michael Stoto, PhD
- Arjun Venkatesh, MD, MBS, MHS
- **Ruth Wetta, RN, PhD, MPH, MSN\***
- Whitney Bowman-Zatzkin, MPA MSR

**\*New Committee Member**

# Overview of Evaluation Process and Voting Process



## Meeting Ground Rules

**During the discussions, Committee members should:**

- Be prepared, having reviewed the measures beforehand
- Base evaluation and recommendations on the measure evaluation criteria and guidance
- Remain engaged in the discussion without distractions
- Attend the meeting at all times
- Keep comments concise and focused
- Allow others to contribute



## Endorsement Criteria

- **Importance to Measure and Report (Evidence and Performance Gap):** Extent to which the measure focus is evidence-based and important to making significant gains in healthcare quality where there is variation in or overall less-than-optimal performance (**must-pass**).
- **Scientific Acceptability (Reliability and Validity):** Extent to which the measure produces consistent (reliable) and credible (valid) results about the quality of care when implemented (**must-pass**).
- **Feasibility:** Extent to which the specifications require data that are readily available or could be captured and implemented without undue burden
- **Usability and Use:** Extent to which the measure is being used for both accountability and performance improvement to achieve the goal of high-quality, efficient healthcare (**must-pass** for maintenance measures).
- **Comparison to related or competing measures:** If a measure meets the above criteria and there are endorsed or new related measures or competing measures, the measures are compared to address harmonization and/or selection of the best measure.



## Voting on Endorsement Criteria

- Votes will be taken after the discussion of each criterion
- **Importance to Measure and Report**
  - ▣ Vote on Evidence (must pass)
  - ▣ Vote on Performance Gap (must pass)
  - ▣ Vote on Rationale - Composite measures only (must pass)
- **Scientific Acceptability Of Measure Properties**
  - ▣ Vote on Reliability (must pass)
  - ▣ Vote on Validity (must pass)
  - ▣ Vote on Quality Construct - Composite measures only (must pass)
- **Feasibility**
- **Usability and Use**
  - ▣ Use (must pass for maintenance measures)
  - ▣ Usability



## Voting on Endorsement Criteria (continued)

- **Related and Competing Discussion**
- **Overall Suitability for Endorsement**
- **Procedural Notes**
  - ▣ If a measure fails on one of the must-pass criteria, there is no further discussion or voting on the subsequent criteria for that measure; Committee discussion moves to the next measure.
  - ▣ If consensus is not reached, discussion continues with the next measure criterion.

## Achieving Consensus

- Quorum: 66% of active committee members (16 of 24 members).

Vote	Outcome
Greater than 60% yes	Pass/Recommended
40% - 60% yes	Consensus Not Reached (CNR)
<40% yes	Does Not Pass/Not Recommended

- “Yes” votes are the total of high and moderate votes.
- CNR measures move forward to public and NQF-member comment and the Committee will revote during the post-comment web meeting.
- Measures which are not recommended will also move on to public and NQF-member comment, but the Committee will not revote on the measures during the post comment meeting unless the Committee decides to reconsider them based on submitted comments or a formal reconsideration request from the developer.



## Committee Quorum and Voting

- Please let staff know if you need to miss part of the meeting.
- We must have quorum to vote. Discussion may occur without quorum.
- If we do not have quorum at any point during the meeting, live voting will stop, and staff will send a survey link to complete voting.
  - ▣ Committee member votes must be submitted within 48 hours of receiving the survey link from NQF staff.
- If a Committee member leaves the meeting and quorum is still present, the Committee will continue to vote on the measures. The Committee member who left the meeting will not have the opportunity to vote on measures that were evaluated by the Committee during their absence.

# Recap of Day 1

# Voting Test

# Consideration of Candidate Measure



## 3592 Global Malnutrition Composite Score

- **Measure Developer:** Avalere
- **Measure Steward:** Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics
  - ▣ New measure
- **Brief Description of Measure:**
  - ▣ Focuses on adults 65 years and older admitted to inpatient service who received care appropriate to their level of malnutrition risk and/or malnutrition diagnosis if properly identified. The malnutrition composite measure includes four component measures which are first scored separately. The overall composite score is derived from averaging the individual performance scores.
    - » Screening for malnutrition risk at admission.
    - » Completing a nutrition assessment for patients who screened for risk of malnutrition.
    - » Appropriate documentation of malnutrition diagnosis in the patient's medical record if indicated by the assessment findings.
    - » Development of a nutrition care plan for malnourished patients including the recommended treatment plan.

# **NQF Member and Public Comment**

# Next Steps



## Measure Evaluation Process After the Measure Evaluation Meeting

- Staff will prepare a draft report detailing the Committee's discussion and recommendations
  - ▣ This report will be released for a 30-day public and member comment period
- Staff compiles all comments received into a comment table which is shared with developers and Committee members
- Post-comment call: The Committee will reconvene for a post-comment call to discuss comments submitted
- Staff will incorporate comments and responses to comments into the draft report in preparation for the Consensus Standards Approval Committee (CSAC) meeting
- CSAC meets to endorse measures
- Opportunity for public to appeal endorsement decision



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## Activities and Timeline – Fall 2020 Cycle

\*All times ET

Meeting	Date, Time
Draft Report Comment Period	April 1-30, 2021
Committee Post-Comment Web Meeting	June 3, 2021 1:00-3:00pm
CSAC Review	June 29-30, 2021
Appeals Period (30 days)	July 7-August 8, 2021



## Spring 2021 Cycle Updates

- Intent to submit deadline was January 5, 2021
- 3 measures submitted
  - ▣ 1 complex measure sent to the Scientific Methods Panel for review of scientific acceptability criterion
- Topic areas
  - ▣ Dental caries in children
  - ▣ Adult immunization



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# Questions?



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