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# Primary Care and Chronic Illness, Spring 2020 Measure Review Cycle

## Measure Evaluation Standing Committee Meeting

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## Agenda

- Introductions and Disclosures of Interest
- Measures Under Review
- Overview of Evaluation Process and Voting Process
- Consideration of Candidate Measures
- NQF Member and Public Comment
- Next Steps
- Adjourn

# Introductions and Disclosures of Interest



## Primary Care and Chronic Illness Spring 2020 Cycle Standing Committee

- Dale Bratzler, DO, MPH (Co-chair)
- Adam Thompson, BA (Co-chair)
- Robert Bailey, MD
- Lindsay Botsford, MD, MBA, FAAFP
- Kathleen Brady, MD, MSCE
- Roger Chou, MD
- James M. Daniels, MD, MPH, RMSK, FAAFP, FACOEM, FACPM
- Kim Elliott, PhD
- Piero Garzaro, MD
- Donald Goldmann, MD
- V. Katherine Gray, PhD
- Faith Green, MSN, RN, CPHQ, CPC-A
- Daniel Greninger, MD
- Stephen Grossbart, PhD
- James Mitchell Harris, PhD
- Starlin Haydon-Greatting, MS, BS, PharmD, FAPhA
- Ann Kearns, MD, PhD
- Grace Lee, MD
- Jason Matuszak, MD, FAAFP, CAQSM, RMSK
- Anna McCollister
- Janice Miller, DNP, CRNP, CDE
- Crystal Riley, PharmD, MHA, MBA, CPHQ, CHPIT
- Rishi Singh, MD
- Steven Strobe, MD, MEd, MPH, FAAFP



## Primary Care and Chronic Illness Spring 2020 Cycle Expert Reviewers

- Amesh Adalja, MD
- Thiru Annaswamy, MD, MA
- Esther Babady, PhD, D(ABMM)
- Carlos Bagley, MD, FAANS
- Kenneth Benson, MD, MS
- Tamala Bradham, DHA, PhD, CCC-A
- Steven Brotman, MD, JD
- Craig Butler, MD, MBA, CPE
- William Curry, MD, MS
- Laura Evans, MD, MSc
- Scott Friedman, MD
- William Glomb, MD, FCCP, FAAP
- Jeffrey Hart, MS
- Marci Harris Hayes, PT, DPT, MSCI, OCS
- Mark Jarrett, MD, MBA
- Michael Lane, MD, MSc, MPHS, CPPS
- David Lang, MD
- Jeffrey Lewis, BA
- Catherine MacLean, MD, PhD
- John McClay, MD
- Kevin McVary, MD
- Melinda Neuhauser, PharmD, MPH, FCCP, FASHP
- Rocco Orlando, MD, FACS
- Catherine Roberts, MD
- James Rosenzweig, MD
- Sonali Narain, MD



# Measures Under Review



## Spring 2020 Cycle Measures

### ■ Three New Measures for Committee Review

- ▣ **3569e** Prediabetes: Screening for Abnormal Blood Glucose (American Medical Association)
- ▣ **3570e** Intervention for Prediabetes (American Medical Association)
- ▣ **3571e** Retesting of Abnormal Blood Glucose in Patients with Prediabetes (American Medical Association)



## NQF Scientific Methods Panel Review

- The Scientific Methods Panel independently evaluated the Scientific Acceptability of this measure:
  - ▣ 3576 Pediatric Asthma Emergency Department Use
- The Panel, consisting of individuals with methodologic expertise, was established to help ensure a higher-level evaluation of the scientific acceptability of complex measures.
- The Panel's comments and concerns are provided to developers to further clarify and update their measure submission form with the intent of strengthening their measures to be evaluated by the Standing Committee.
- Certain measures that do not pass reliability and/or validity are eligible to be pulled by a standing committee member for discussion and revote.



## NQF Scientific Methods Panel Review

- One measure did not pass the SMP Review
  - ▣ 3576 Pediatric Asthma Emergency Department Use, did not pass validity and CNR on reliability
- Scientific Acceptability is a must-pass criteria. The Panel felt measure 3576 needed to be revised to be methodologically sound for validity/reliability and is therefore not eligible for re-vote.

# Overview of Evaluation Process



## **Roles of the Standing Committee** *During the Evaluation Meeting*

- Act as a proxy for the NQF multistakeholder membership
- Work with NQF staff to achieve the goals of the project
- Evaluate each measure against each criterion
  - ▣ Indicate the extent to which each criterion is met and rationale for the rating
- Make recommendations regarding endorsement to the NQF membership
- Oversee the portfolio of Primary Care and Chronic Illness measures



## Ground Rules for Today's Meeting

### **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



## Process for Measure Discussion and Voting

- Brief introduction by measure developer (3-5 minutes)
- Lead discussants will begin Committee discussion for each criterion by:
  - ▣ Briefly explaining information on the criterion provided by the developer
  - ▣ Providing a brief summary of the pre-meeting evaluation comments
  - ▣ Emphasizing areas of concern or differences of opinion
  - ▣ Noting, if needed, the preliminary rating by NQF staff
    - » This rating is intended to be used as a guide to facilitate the Committee's discussion and evaluation.
- Developers will be available to respond to questions at the discretion of the Committee
- Full Committee will discuss, then vote on the criterion, if needed, before moving on to the next criterion





## 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
- **Scientific Acceptability Of Measure Properties**
  - ▣ Vote on Reliability (must pass)
  - ▣ Vote on Validity (must pass)
  - ▣ Vote on Quality Construct - Composite measures only
- **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 (e.g., 16 of 23 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



## 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 the missed measures.



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# Questions?

# Voting Test

# Consideration of Candidate Measures





## 3569e Prediabetes: Screening for Abnormal Blood Glucose

- **Measure Steward:** American Medical Association
  - New measure
- **Brief Description of Measure:**
  - Percentage of patients aged 40 years and older with a BMI greater than or equal to 25 who are seen for at least two office visits or at least one preventive visit during the 12-month period who were screened for abnormal blood glucose at least once in the last 3 years



## 3570e Intervention for Prediabetes

- **Measure Steward:** American Medical Association
  - New measure
- **Brief Description of Measure:**
  - Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with identified abnormal lab result in the range of prediabetes during the 12-month measurement period who were provided an intervention



## 3571e Retesting of Abnormal Blood Glucose in Patients with Prediabetes

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  - New measure
- **Brief Description of Measure:**
  - Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older who had an abnormal fasting plasma glucose, oral glucose tolerance test, or hemoglobin A1c result in the range of prediabetes in the previous year who have a blood glucose test performed in the one-year measurement period

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