



Prioritizing Measures Gaps: Adult Immunizations Advisors  
Planning Meeting  
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The National Quality Forum (NQF) convened a web meeting of the Task 5 Prioritizing Measure Gaps Adult Immunizations Advisory Group on Wednesday, October 30, 2013. An [online archive](#) of the meeting is available.

### Advisory Group Attendance

Faruque Ahmed, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Roger Baxter, Kaiser Permanente Vaccine Study Center
Eddy Bresnitz, Merck Vaccines
Ernest Moy, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
Sandra Sommer, Virginia Department of Health
Jody Sachs, Government Sub-Task Leader
Cille Kennedy, Government Task Leader

### Welcome and Review of Meeting Objectives

Reva Winkler, Senior Director, NQF, and Juliet Feldman, Project Manager, NQF, welcomed the advisors and members of the public to the web meeting, reviewed the meeting objectives, and asked the advisors to introduce themselves.

The participants reviewed the meeting objectives:

- review project objectives and timeline;
- obtain guidance on important measurement considerations for the selection/modification of a conceptual framework; and
- solicit early input on the environmental scan, resources to explore, and additional considerations for achieving the project objectives.

### Project Purpose and Overview

Wendy Prins, Senior Director, NQF, provided background information on the Priority Setting for Health Care Performance Measurement: Addressing Performance Measure Gaps in Priority Areas project, that includes five topic areas: Adult Immunizations, Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias, Care Coordination, Health Workforce, and Person-Centered Care and Outcomes. Ms. Feldman presented an overview of the Adult Immunizations subtask. The process and corresponding activities were addressed and a timeline of deliverables was presented.

### **Draft Conceptual Framework**

Dr. Winkler presented a draft conceptual framework (see [Meeting Materials](#)) that builds on concepts identified by the Quality and Performance Measures Workgroup of the HHS Interagency Adult Immunization Task Force that includes process and outcome measures and the two critical purposes of federal measures: 1) quality improvement/provider accountability, and 2) population health and planning. She added that HHS specifically requested the framework accommodate age appropriate vaccinations, vaccines for age groups including young adults, maternity, adults and the elderly, or other categorizations identified by the environmental scan and the multi-stakeholder group, along with summary or composite measures. Measure harmonization, measurement of disparities, data sources and suitability for EHR measurement as well as other important characteristics identified by the environmental scan and the multi-stakeholder group will be considered in further developing the conceptual framework.

Dr. Winkler explained that the framework will be used to demonstrate where current measures exist and point out where there are gaps in performance measures for specific age groups and special populations.

The advisors offered the following feedback on the draft conceptual framework.

- expand the special populations to include all chronic diseases and populations listed in the immunizations schedule;
- define provider-level and population-level and identify where accountability will lie for each;
- define other key terms in the framework, including age categories; and
- include immunization information systems in the framework.

### **Environmental Scan of Measures**

Dr. Winkler described NQF's efforts to date on an environmental scan of measures and measure concepts for adult immunization. Advisors were asked to provide input on additional sources of adult immunization measures, including non-traditional sources that might offer important measure concepts or ideas that could be used to measure provider or population level performance. The advisors recommended examining the following sources:

- National Committee for Quality Assurance's (NCQA) measure pipeline
- Non-traditional providers, such as pharmacists
- Immunization registries, surveillance systems, and Immunization Information Systems (IIS)
- Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' (ACIP) recommendations

### **Public Comment**

One public participant noted the interdependence of providers and the need for greater alignment of the measures among the measure for different providers. Another public participant suggested looking at the Healthy People 2020 goals as a source to identify additional measure concepts. Others offered suggestion for measures of IIS.

### **Next Steps**

NQF will request feedback on further iterations of the conceptual framework from the advisors. The multi-stakeholder committee will be seated by mid-December and will convene for a web meeting on January 29, 2014. At that time, the full committee will have the opportunity to offer feedback on the draft framework and suggest priorities for filling critical gap areas.