



## Priority Setting for Performance Measurement: Getting to Measures that Matter to Improve Health and Healthcare

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The National Quality Forum (NQF) is seeking nominations for five multistakeholder committees to provide input on priorities for performance measurement.

### What Are We Doing?

Under contract with the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), NQF will provide multistakeholder guidance on priorities for performance measurement to address the three-part aim of the National Quality Strategy (NQS) by focusing on five areas requested by HHS. These areas reflect important topics in health and healthcare that have been repeatedly identified as needing more robust performance measurement to drive improvement. NQF will form five distinct committees to address each content area by reviewing the literature and evidence base and making recommendations on performance measurement opportunities to improve health and healthcare, and to reduce disparities, costs, and measurement burden.

The five committees will address the following content areas:

- **Adult Immunization**— identifying critical areas for performance measurement to optimize vaccination rates and outcomes across adult populations
- **Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Dementias**—targeting a high-impact condition with complex medical and social implications that impact patients, their family members, and their caregivers
- **Care Coordination**—focusing on the dynamics of coordination and team-based care between providers of primary care and community-based services in the context of the “health neighborhood”
- **Health Workforce**—emphasizing the role of the workforce in prevention and care coordination, linkages between healthcare and community-based services, and workforce deployment
- **Person-Centered Care and Outcomes**—considering measures that are most important to patients—particularly patient-reported outcomes—and opportunities to advance them through the use of health information technology

### Why Now?

With limited resources to dedicate to measure development and endorsement, decision makers—including policy makers and measure developers—are in need of specific and actionable recommendations to most effectively target their resources to create measures that will act as purpose-driven tools for change. Despite notable progress in getting to measures that matter, foundational work is still needed to fully address the NQS aims of better care, affordable care, and healthy communities.

## Multistakeholder Committees:

NQF will convene five multistakeholder committees—one per content area—to provide input during all phases of the project. As with all NQF projects, the committees will work with NQF staff to provide content expertise, ensure input is obtained from relevant stakeholders, review draft products, and recommend specific measurement and research priorities.

NQF is seeking nominations from various stakeholder perspectives including, but not limited to:

- Healthcare providers, clinicians, and practitioners across the continuum of care
- Consumers
- Purchasers and employers
- Federal, state, and local government agencies
- Health insurers and plans
- Measure developers
- National policymakers
- Public health or community organizations
- Research entities

Specifically, individuals with experience in performance measurement, population health, primary care, care coordination, mental and behavioral health, end-of-life issues, health disparities, long-term services and supports (LTSS), home and community-based services, caregiver issues, immunizations, health information technology (HIT), data exchange, and pharmacy are encouraged to submit nominations.

## Time Commitment:

Each committee member will contribute content knowledge and expertise over the course of the project, leading to the production of a written report with recommendations on performance measurement priorities to improve health and healthcare, and to reduce disparities, costs, and measurement burden. Committee members will assist with the identification of existing research, measures, and resources to identify performance measure needs; provide feedback on a conceptual framework to assess measurement needs; and help to prioritize recommendations for performance measurement.

In addition to providing ongoing guidance to the project, committee members are expected to engage in the following activities over a 12-month period:

1. Two web-based events (dates to be determined); and
2. One 2-day in-person meeting in Washington, DC (date to be determined) with necessary travel expenses provided by NQF.

## Consideration and Substitution:

Priority will be given to nominations from NQF Members. Please note that nominations are for an individual, not an organization, and substitutions of other individuals from an organization at in-person meetings and on conference calls are not permitted.

## Materials 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 one of these committees, please send the following information:

- a completed Nomination Form;
- a biography of 100 words or fewer, highlighting experience and knowledge relevant to the expertise described above;
- curriculum vitae or list of relevant experience (e.g., publications) up to 20 pages; and
- a completed Disclosure of Interest form.

All materials should be submitted via the online nomination form, available [here](#). For nomination-related questions please contact Connie Bach at [nominations@qualityforum.org](mailto:nominations@qualityforum.org).

## Deadline for Submission:

All nominations MUST be submitted by **6:00 pm ET on Tuesday, October 15, 2013**.

## Questions:

If you have any questions, please contact Camille Smith at 202-783-1300 or [csmith@qualityforum.org](mailto:csmith@qualityforum.org).