

NATIONAL QUALITY FORUM

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS TO STEERING COMMITTEE REGIONALIZED EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE SERVICES PROJECT

NQF is seeking nominations for members of a Steering Committee for a new project to provide guidance on a regionalized emergency medical care services measurement framework report.

Regionalized emergency medical care services seek to improve patient outcomes by directing patients with life-threatening or high acuity conditions to an emergency medical services system with optimal capabilities. For example, research has shown that deaths can be reduced by sending stroke patients to a designated stroke center instead of a non-designated hospital.¹ NQF aims to propose a measurement framework that can guide measure development and identify gaps in for regionalized emergency services at the state, regional, and national levels

BACKGROUND:

The Regionalized Emergency Medical Care Services project expands on NQF's previous work in the emergency care arena ([Emergency Care: Phase I](#) and [Emergency Care: II Report](#)), which endorsed consensus standards for emergency care at the provider and system level.

This project seeks to identify approaches for systematically regionalizing emergency care services at the national, state, and regional levels. The framework report will assess current regionalized emergency medical care services' measures and guide future measure development while identifying measure gaps.

STEERING COMMITTEE: A multi-stakeholder Steering Committee will provide guidance on the report, including a framework to assess current regionalized emergency medical care services' measures, guide future measure development and identify measure gaps.

This Steering Committee, comprised of 15-20 individuals, will represent the range of stakeholder perspectives possessing relevant knowledge or experience in performance measures and topics including, but not limited to:

- Emergency medical systems: community hospitals, trauma centers, pre-hospital EMS systems;
- Emergency medical services: transport mechanisms, time thresholds, information transfer, state authority, and interstate regional cooperation;
- Emergency medical care: clinical care and procedures performed within an emergency medical system;

The Steering Committee will work with NQF staff to provide advice about the subject matter, review draft products, ensure input is obtained from relevant stakeholders, and recommend the measurement framework to NQF Members for consideration under the Consensus Development Process.

Please see the NQF website for additional information about the conflict of interest policy. All potential Steering Committee members must disclose any current and past activities during the nomination process.

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TIME COMMITMENT: The Steering Committee will meet once for a two-day meeting in the Washington, DC area on May 23, 2011 and May 24, 2011.

Additionally, Steering Committee members may meet approximately three to four times by conference call for two hours each and be asked to review materials and provide feedback throughout the process. Follow-up conference calls may also be needed.

The introductory orientation call is mandatory for all Steering Committee participants and is scheduled for May 5, 2011.

CONSIDERATION AND SUBSTITUTION: Priority will be given to nominations from NQF members. Please note that nominations are to an individual, not an organization, so “substitutions” of other individuals from an organization at conference calls are not permitted. Please also note that, per its policy, NQF will cover travel expenses for Committee members.

MATERIAL 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 appointment to the Steering Committee, please submit the following materials through the project page on the NQF web site:

- Completed Nomination Form;
- Confirmation of availability to participate on the following meetings:
 - Orientation call: May 5, 2011
 - In-person meetings: May 23-24, 2011
- Two (2)-page letter of interest;
- 100 word maximum biography, highlighting experience/knowledge relevant to the expertise described above;
- Curriculum vitae or list of relevant experience (e.g., publications) *up to 20 pages*; and
- Completed Disclosure of Interest form.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: All nominations *MUST* be submitted by **6:00 pm ET on Thursday, March 10, 2011.**

QUESTIONS: If you have any questions, please contact Eric Colchamiro, MPA, at 202-783-1300 or via email at emergencyservices@qualityforum.org. Thank you for your participation!

ⁱ Anderson, P. Mortality rate modestly reduced at designated stroke centers. *Medscape Today*, January 26, 2011. Available at www.medscape.com/viewarticle/736331.

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