



## **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS TO RENAL STANDING COMMITTEE**

### **BACKGROUND**

Renal disease is a leading cause of morbidity and mortality in the United States. An estimated more than 20 million adults (10 percent of the population) in the United States have chronic kidney disease (CKD). It is associated with premature mortality, decreased quality of life, and increased healthcare costs. Risk factors for CKD include cardiovascular disease, diabetes, hypertension, and obesity<sup>1</sup>. Untreated CKD can result in end stage renal disease (ESRD). Currently, over half a million people in the United States have received a diagnosis of ESRD. Additionally, racial and ethnic differences continue to persist. African Americans are about three and a half times more likely to develop ESRD than Caucasians<sup>2</sup>.

This project seeks to identify and endorse performance measures for accountability and quality improvement that specifically address conditions, treatments, interventions, or procedures relating to renal conditions which include ESRD and CKD. Measures of interest to NQF in this topic area include outcome measures, measures applicable to more than one setting, measures for adults and children, measures that capture broad populations, measures of chronic care management and care coordination, and eMeasures. In addition to any new measures submitted, twenty-one (21) NQF-endorsed measures that are due for maintenance will be re-evaluated against the most recent NQF measure evaluation criteria.

### **COMMITTEE CHARGE**

A multi-stakeholder Standing Committee will be established to evaluate newly submitted measures and measures undergoing maintenance review and make recommendations for which measures should be endorsed as consensus standards. This Committee will work to identify and endorse new performance measures for accountability and quality improvement that specifically address renal measures. Measures including outcomes, treatments, diagnostic studies, interventions, or procedures associated with these conditions will be considered. Additionally, the Committee will evaluate consensus standards previously endorsed by NQF under the maintenance process.

The Standing Committee's primary work is to evaluate the submitted measures against NQF's standard [measure evaluation criteria](#) and make recommendations for endorsement. The Committee will also:

- oversee the renal portfolio of measures
- identify and evaluate competing and related measures

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<sup>1</sup> U.S. Renal Data System, USRDS 2010 Annual Data Report: Atlas of Chronic Kidney Disease and End-Stage Renal Disease in the United States, National Institutes of Health, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, Bethesda, MD, 2009. Available at <http://www.usrds.org/atlas.htm> Last accessed March 2011

<sup>2</sup> Vassalotti, JA, Stevens, LA, Levey, AS, Testing for Chronic Kidney Disease: A Position Statement From the National Kidney Foundation, American Journal of Kidney Disease, 2007; 50(2):169-344, p.A1-A48.

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- identify opportunities for harmonization of similar measures
- recommend measure concepts for development to address gaps in the portfolio
- provide advice or technical expertise about the subject to other committees (i.e. cross cutting committees or the Measures Application Partnership)
- ensure input is obtained from relevant stakeholders
- review draft report
- recommend specific measures and research priorities to NQF Members for consideration under the [Consensus Development Process](#) (CDP).

To learn more about the work of NQF's CDP Standing Committees, review our [Committee Guidebook](#).

### STANDING COMMITTEE

This Committee will be seated as a standing committee comprised of 20-25 individuals, with members serving terms that may encompass multiple measure review cycles.

#### *Terms*

**Standing Committee members will initially be appointed to a 2 or 3 year term.** Each term thereafter would be a 3 year term, with Committee members permitted to serve two consecutive terms. After serving two terms, the Committee member must step down for one full term (3 years) before becoming eligible for reappointment. For more information, please reference the [Standing Committee Policy](#).

**Participation on the Committee requires a significant time commitment. To apply, Committee members should be available to participate in all currently scheduled calls/meetings.** Over the course of the Committee member's term, additional calls will be scheduled or calls may be rescheduled; new dates will be set based on the availability of the majority of the Committee.

Each measure review cycle generally runs about 7 months in length.

#### **Committee participation includes:**

- Review measure submission forms during each cycle of measure review
  - Each committee member will be assigned a portion (1-5) of the measures to fully review (approximately 1-2 hours/measure) and provide a preliminary evaluation on a workgroup call
  - Each committee member should familiarize themselves with all measures being reviewed (approximately 15-30 minutes per measure)
- Participate in the orientation call (2 hours)
- The option to attend one of two NQF staff-hosted measure evaluation Q & A calls (1 hour)
- Review measures with the full Committee by participating in one of 4 workgroup calls (2 hours); workgroup assignments will be made by area of expertise;
- Attendance at initial in-person meeting (2 full days in Washington, DC);
- Complete measure review by attending the post-meeting conference call (2 hours)
- Attend conference call following public commenting to review submitted comments (2 hours)

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- Complete additional measure reviews via webinar
- Participate in additional calls as necessary
- Complete surveys and pre-meeting evaluations
- Present measures and lead discussions for the Committee on conference calls and in meeting

**Table of scheduled meeting dates**

| Meeting   | Date/Time  |
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| <b>Orientation Call (2 hours)</b>                   | March 18, 2015, 1:00-3:00 PM ET  |
| <b>Measure Evaluation Q &amp;A (2 hours)</b>        | March 31, 2015, 1:00-3:00 PM ET <i>or</i><br>April 2, 2015, 1:00-3:00 PM ET  |
| <b>Workgroup Call (2 hours)</b>                     | Workgroup 1: April 16, 2015, 1:00-3:00 PM ET<br>Workgroup 2: April 21, 2015, 1:00-3:00 PM ET<br>Workgroup 3: April 23, 2015, 1:00-3:00 PM ET<br>Workgroup 4: April 28, 2015, 1:00-3:00 PM ET |
| <b>In-person meeting (2 days in Washington, DC)</b> | May 6-7, 2015  |
| <b>Post meeting conference call (2 hours)</b>       | May 12, 2015, 1:00-3:00 PM ET  |
| <b>Post Draft Report Comment Call (2 hours)</b>     | July 30, 2015, 1:00-3:00 PM ET   |

### ***Preferred Expertise & Composition***

Standing Committee members are selected to ensure representation from a variety of stakeholders, including consumers, purchasers, providers, professionals, plans, suppliers, community and public health, and healthcare quality experts. Because NQF attempts to represent a diversity of stakeholder perspectives on committees, a limited number of individuals from each of these stakeholder groups can be seated onto a committee.

Nominees should possess relevant knowledge and/or proficiency in process and outcome quality measurement and/or clinical expertise in the evaluation, treatment, diagnostic studies, imaging, interventions, or procedures associated with renal conditions, across multiple care settings. NQF is seeking nominees with a variety of clinical experience, including nurses, social workers, case managers, transplant experts, dialysis facility staff, patients and physicians with broader expertise than nephrology (cardiology, behavioral health, internal medicine and, endocrine), executives, health plans and purchasers, as well as methodologists. We also are seeking expertise in disparities and care of vulnerable populations.

Please review the NQF [Conflict of interest policy](#) to learn about how NQF identifies potential conflict of interest. All potential Standing Committee members must disclose any current and past activities prior to and during the nomination process in order to be considered.

### **CONSIDERATION AND SUBSTITUTION**

Priority will be given to nominations from NQF Members when nominee expertise is comparable. Please note that nominations are to an individual, not an organization, so “substitutions” of other individuals from an organization at conference calls, meetings or for voting is not permitted. Committee members are encouraged to engage colleagues and solicit input from colleagues throughout the process.

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### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

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 Standing Committee, please submit the following information:

- a completed [online nomination form](#), including:
  - a brief statement of interest
  - a brief description of nominee expertise highlighting experience relevant to the committee
  - a short biography (maximum 100 words), highlighting experience/knowledge relevant to the expertise described above and involvement in candidate measure development;
  - curriculum vitae or list of relevant experience (e.g., publications) *up to 20 pages*
- a completed disclosure of interest form. This will be requested upon your submission of the nominations form for Committees actively seeking nominees.
- confirmation of availability to participate in currently scheduled calls and meeting dates. Committees or projects actively seeking nominees will solicit this information upon submission of the online nomination form.

### DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION

All nominations *MUST* be submitted by **6:00 pm ET on Tuesday, January 6, 2014.**

### QUESTIONS

If you have any questions, please contact the project staff at 202-783-1300 or [renal@qualityforum.org](mailto:renal@qualityforum.org).

Thank you for your interest.