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CALL FOR IMPLEMENTATION COMMENTS

SURGICAL CONSENSUS STANDARDS ENDORSEMENT MAINTENANCE

The Surgical Consensus Standards Endorsement Maintenance project includes maintenance review of [43 surgical consensus standards](#). As a part of the maintenance review process, NQF is seeking comments from the public and NQF Members on the implementation and use of these measures.

NQF is particularly interested in all stakeholders' experiences with the measures including:

- Have you used this measure for any of the following purposes?
 1. quality improvement (internal to your specific organization)
 2. quality improvement with benchmarking (external benchmarking to multiple organizations)
 3. professional certification or recognition program
 4. regulatory and accreditation programs
 5. payment program
 6. public reporting
 7. other _____

- Please provide feedback regarding the usefulness of the measure for the purposes noted above.

- If the measure is being used for public reporting (i.e., reporting to the public at large), please indicate where it is being used. Please provide any information you have on the usefulness of this information to end-users (e.g., including consumers, health plans, and delivery systems).

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COMMENTING GUIDELINES

Comments must be submitted using the online submission process by Thursday, October 28, 2010 at 6:00 pm ET.

Please note the following about commenting:

- all comments should be submitted using the online submission process.
- NQF will post and take into consideration only those comments received by the above deadline(s).
- NQF reserves the right to identify and remove any objectionable content.
- NQF is not responsible for the views and opinions expressed in posted comments.

Supporting documents related to your comments may be submitted by e-mail to surgery@qualityforum.org with “*Surgery Maintenance*” in the subject line and your contact information in the body of the email. Any supporting documents must be received by the close of the comment period.

If you have any questions, please contact, Melinda Murphy, RN, MS, NE-BC, at 202-531-0550 or Alexis Forman, MPH, at 202-783-1300 or via e-mail at surgery@qualityforum.org. Thank you for your assistance with this project!