



Surgery

COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

NQF is looking to fill two committee seat for the Surgery Standing Committee. NQF is specifically seeking consumers or patients.

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 may be scheduled or calls may be rescheduled based on project needs. Any new dates will be set based on the availability of the majority of the committee.

Committee participation includes (for both measure review cycles):

- Participation in the Committee Orientation Web Meeting,
- Participation in one Committee In-Person Meeting, and
- Participation in seven additional Committee Web Meetings

Table of scheduled meeting dates for Fall 2018 Measure Review Cycle

Meeting	Date/Time
Committee Orientation Meeting (2 hours)	Thursday, December 13, 2018 2-4pm ET
Committee In-Person Meeting (1 day)	Wednesday, February 13, 2019, 8am-5pm ET
Committee Post-Measure Evaluation Web Meeting (2 hours)	Wednesday, February 20, 2019, 12-2pm ET
Committee Post-Comment Web Meeting (2 hours)	Wednesday, May 8, 2019, 1-3pm ET

Table of scheduled meeting dates for Spring 2019 Measure Review Cycle

Meeting	Date/Time
Committee Measure Evaluation Web Meeting (2 hours)	Tuesday, July 2, 2019, 1-3pm ET
Committee Post-Measure Evaluation Web Meeting (2 hours)	Monday, July 15, 2019, 2-4pm ET
Committee Post-Comment Web Meeting (2 hours)	Monday, September 23, 2019, 1-3pm ET

COMMITTEE CHARGE

A multi-stakeholder Standing Committee has been 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 works to identify and endorse new performance measures for accountability and quality improvement that specifically address surgical care. Additionally, the Committee continues to 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 continue to:

- oversee the portfolio of measures
- identify and evaluate competing and related measures
- 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 documents
- 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](#).

PREFERRED EXPERTISE AND COMPOSITION

NQF selects committee members who represent a variety of stakeholders, including consumers, purchasers, clinicians, health professionals, health plans, suppliers, community and public health providers, and healthcare quality experts. Because NQF strives to have a diversity of stakeholder perspectives represented, only a limited number of individuals from each of these stakeholder groups can be seated on a committee.

Please carefully review the [NQF Conflict of Interest Policy](#), which explains how NQF identifies potential conflicts. To be considered for a committee, nominees must disclose any current and past relevant activities prior to and during the nomination process.

NOMINATION CONSIDERATION AND PROCESS

Nominations Due by Tuesday, October 30, 2018 6pm EST

When seating a committee, NQF gives priority to its members who have comparable expertise to non-members. Committee nominations are sought for individual subject matter experts, not organizations. Self-nominations are welcome. Third-party nominations must indicate that the individual has been contacted and is willing to serve. Committee assignments are non-transferable and “substitutions” of other individuals are not permitted. However, committee members are encouraged to engage their colleagues and solicit input from them about NQF work.

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](#).

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

To nominate an individual to the Committee, please submit the following information:

- A completed [online nomination form](#), including:
 - a brief statement of interest
 - a brief description of the nominee’s expertise, highlighting relevant experience relevant to the topical area
 - a short biography (maximum 100 words), highlighting relevant experience and knowledge and involvement in candidate measure development
 - curriculum vitae or list of relevant experience (e.g., publications), limited to 20 pages
- A completed disclosure of interest form. NQF will request the completion of this form upon submission of the online nomination form.
- Confirmation of availability to participate in scheduled calls and meeting dates. NQF will solicit this information upon submission of the online nomination form.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION

All nominations *MUST* be submitted by **6pm EST on Tuesday, October 30, 2018**.

QUESTIONS

If you have any questions, please contact NQF staff at 202-783-1300 or surgery@qualityforum.org. Thank you for your interest.