



Surgery

Background

The surgery portfolio includes more than 60 measures that address surgical care for a variety of operations that occur in the inpatient, outpatient, and ambulatory surgical settings.

The Surgery Standing Committee oversees NQF's portfolio of surgery measures for morbidity and mortality, perioperative safety, general surgery, and a range of specialties such as cardiac, cardiothoracic, colorectal, ocular, orthopedic, urogynecologic, and vascular surgery.

Committee Charge

The Surgery Standing Committee evaluates newly submitted measures and measures undergoing maintenance review against [NQF's standard measure evaluation criteria](#) and makes recommendations for endorsement.

The Committee's other responsibilities include:

- Overseeing the portfolio of measures
- Identifying and evaluate competing and related measures
- Identifying opportunities for harmonization of similar measures
- Recommending measure concepts for development to address gaps in the portfolio
- Providing advice or technical expertise about the subject to other committees (i.e. crosscutting committees or the Measure Applications Partnership)
- Ensuring input is obtained from relevant stakeholders
- Reviewing draft documents
- Recommending 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](#).

Committee Structure

The Surgery Standing Committee is made up of no more than 25 individuals.

Terms

New Standing Committee members are appointed to a two- or three-year term with the ability to extend for one additional term of two years. Committee members may serve two consecutive terms, for a total of five years (or 10 evaluation cycles). The Committee member's term on a Standing Committee begins upon selection to the committee, immediately following the close of the roster commenting period.

Participation on the Committee requires a significant time commitment.

Nominations due by Monday, November 2, 2020 6:00 pm ET

To apply, individuals should be available to participate in all currently scheduled calls/meetings. Over the course of the Surgery fall and spring 2021 cycles, additional calls may be scheduled or rescheduled based on project needs; new dates will be set based on most of the Committee's availability.

Committee participation includes:

- Orientation webinar (two hours)
- Identify and disclose potential biases (real or perceived)
- Review all measure submission forms (approximately two hours per measure)
- Complete all surveys and evaluations
- Attend all scheduled evaluation meetings. These may be in-person meetings (one to two full days in Washington, DC) or a series of webinars (typically two hours each)
- Lead discussion for assigned measures on webinars or in-person meetings; actively participate in the Committee's discussion; vote on ratings and endorsement recommendation for all measures
- Review meeting summaries and/or technical draft reports
- Review public and NQF member comments received on technical draft report and participate on post-comment webinar (two hours)
- Complete additional measure evaluations by conference call or webinar, if needed
- Participate in additional calls or webinars, as needed
- Present measures and Committee discussion on conference calls, webinars, and other meetings, as needed

Table of Scheduled Meeting Dates (*all meetings prior to March 31 will be virtual*)

Meeting	Date/Time
Orientation Meeting	January 12, 2021 at 3:30 PM – 5:30 PM ET
Measure Evaluation Meeting #1	February 12, 2021 at 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM ET
Measure Evaluation Meeting #2	February 16, 2021 at 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM ET
Post-Comment Meeting	June 1, 2021 at 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM ET

Preferred Expertise and Composition

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, a limited number of individuals from each of these stakeholder groups can be seated onto a Committee.

NQF is looking to fill up to 13 Committee seats for the Surgery Standing Committee with the relevant experience in the following areas:

- Ambulatory surgery
- Anesthesia
- Cardiothoracic surgery
- Health plan

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- Measure development and/or implementation
- Orthopedic surgery
- Purchasers (state, federal, and/or private)
- Peri-operative/surgical nurses

Please review the NQF [conflict of interest policy](#) to learn about how NQF identifies potential conflict of interest. All potential 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 are not permitted. Committee members are encouraged to engage colleagues and solicit input from them throughout the process.

Application Requirements

Nominations are sought for individuals. Self-nominations are welcome. Third-party nominations must indicate that the individual has been contacted and is willing to serve.

To nominate an individual to the Surgery 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 Monday, November 2, 2020**.

Questions

If you have any questions, please contact the NQF Surgery Project Staff at surgery@qualityforum.org. Thank you for your interest.