



**March 30, 2022**

**To:** NQF members

**From:** NQF staff

**Re:** Surgery Fall 2021 Cycle Draft Technical Report for Review

## **Background**

Surgical quality measures touch on clinically appropriate and meaningful processes designed to improve outcomes, reduce per capita costs, and improve the experience of care for patients and families. Improving surgical care performance is a critical quality issue; protecting patients from unintended consequences requires scientifically sound and appropriately applied measures. Patient-reported outcomes (PROs) allow the provider or entity to view the patient experience directly using tools and instruments that solicit feedback without the interpretation of a clinician or other healthcare professional. These unique measures provide a patient-centered, patient-focused approach to improve quality of care; promote accountability and opportunity for performance improvement; and allow providers to reflect on and improve practice.

The [Surgery Standing Committee](#) reviewed one new, patient-reported outcome performance measure (PRO-PM) against NQF's standard measure evaluation criteria and recommended this measure for endorsement.

## **Recommended Measure:**

- NQF #3639 Clinician-Level and Clinician Group-Level Total Hip Arthroplasty and/or Total Knee Arthroplasty (THA and TKA) Patient-Reported Outcome-Based Performance Measure (PRO-PM) (Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services [CMS]/Yale New Haven Health Services Corporation-Center for Outcomes Research and Evaluation [Yale CORE])

**The Surgery Standing Committee requests comments on this measure.**

## **NQF Member and Public Commenting**

NQF members and the public are encouraged to provide comments via the online commenting tool on the draft report as a whole or the specific measures evaluated by the Surgery Standing Committee.

**Please note that commenting concludes on April 29, 2022, at 6:00 PM ET—no exceptions.**