



Invitation: Testing of Community Tool to Align Measurement

Consider volunteering to work with the National Quality Forum (NQF) to help test the Community Tool to Align Measurement (www.qualityforum.org/AlignmentTool). NQF would like to follow and learn from one or two community alliances or groups who want to put the Alignment Tool to use in spring of 2012.

What's involved in helping to test the Alignment Tool?

Volunteer organizations will agree to use the Alignment Tool in discussions, planning and (hopefully) action focused on aligning measurement and reporting. Over the course of several months, NQF staff will share ideas and follow the process as your organization:

- uses the Tool to identify opportunities to start, modify or expand measurement and reporting in ways that will lead to greater alignment across organizations in your region, with other regions, and/or with national programs (depending on your region's priorities);
- engages in one or more discussions with stakeholders in your region regarding aspects of the Tool of greatest interest and value, and develops a plan of action to begin alignment; and
- communicates with NQF about lessons learned in the process, to help refine the format of the Tool and to be highlighted in the *Field Guide to NQF Resources* (to be released later in 2012)

If interested, by Friday, March 23, 2012, please answer the following questions in a brief email sent to communities@qualityforum.org:

1. Does your organization currently engage in measurement and reporting (publicly and/or privately)? If so, how long has your organization been reporting results?
2. What do you anticipate will be the highest priority focus in your region – modify or expand measurement in ways that align with others locally, in other regions, with national programs, with one or more priorities of the National Quality Strategy, other?
3. What do you expect will be the biggest challenge in testing the Tool? What might be the greatest opportunity?
4. Do you have any questions for NQF about helping to test the Alignment Tool?
5. What is your contact information? (name, role/title, phone number, organization name, website)

What is the Community Tool Align Measurement?

NQF's Community Tool to Align Measurement was developed in collaboration with the 16 alliances in the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's [Aligning Forces for Quality](#) initiative. For more information, go to www.qualityforum.org/AlignmentTool.