

**Call for Nominations  
eMeasure Learning Collaborative Planning Committee**

NQF is seeking nomination for members of the eMeasure Learning Collaborative Planning Committee. The eMeasure Learning Collaborative serves as a vital component to the development and implementation of eMeasures. The National Quality Forum (NQF) will use the eMeasure Learning Collaborative to promote awareness, provide education, and share best practices with eMeasure development and implementation across various healthcare sectors. The eMeasure Learning Collaborative will advance the implementation of eMeasures within healthcare, through knowledge exchange between key stakeholders involved in quality measurement and reporting.

**BACKGROUND:** The federal government is increasingly embracing electronically-enabled performance measurement as a less-burdensome approach to gathering and publicly reporting performance information. Federal contractors and other measure developers are “retooling” existing quality measures and creating *de novo* eMeasures to support future implementations of Meaningful Use, value-based purchasing, and other innovative programs<sup>1,2</sup>. Electronic implementation of these measures, however, is a relatively new phenomenon. This project will use webinars and in-person meetings to sharing best practices and to provide recommendations to promote more efficient and standardized adoption of eMeasures across the spectrum of stakeholders. The NQF eMeasure Learning Collaborative will create and facilitate an open and public forum to promote shared learning related to eMeasure implementation to:

- Advance knowledge and practice in properly implementing eMeasures across all settings of healthcare;<sup>3</sup>
- Drive greater uptake of eMeasures and movement toward use of an electronic platform for quality measurement;
- Promote awareness, provide education, and enable understanding of best practices with eMeasure implementation across various healthcare settings; and,
- Allow knowledge sharing between all stakeholders involved in quality and performance measurement thereby expediting advancement in electronic quality measurement.

More information on NQF’s Health IT goals and projects can be found on the NQF [Health IT web page](#).

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<sup>1</sup> In 2009, HHS, motivated by The Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act,<sup>3</sup> requested that NQF “retool,” or convert, 113 NQF-endorsed® measures from traditional paper-based measures to electronic measures, or “eMeasures,” to be compatible with or readable by EHR systems.

<sup>2</sup> Meaningful Use is identified by the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology as standards and certification criteria for the certification of EHR technology, so eligible professionals and hospitals may be assured that the systems they adopt are capable of performing the required functions. More information can be found at [http://healthit.hhs.gov/portal/server.pt/community/healthit\\_hhs\\_gov\\_meaningful\\_use\\_announcement/2996](http://healthit.hhs.gov/portal/server.pt/community/healthit_hhs_gov_meaningful_use_announcement/2996).

<sup>3</sup> Electronic measures (eMeasures) are standardized performance measures in an electronic format. eMeasures can promote greater consistency in measure development and in measuring and comparing performance results. They also can provide more exact requirements about where information should be collected, and drive greater standardization across the measures and greater confidence in comparing outcomes and provider performance.

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**CHARGE TO PLANNING COMMITTEE:** The committee provides specific expertise on eMeasure adoption and implementation topics and also defines content for webinars, in-person meetings, and products of the eMeasure Learning Collaborative. Members of the eMeasure Learning Collaborative Planning Committee are critical stakeholders to the success of the eMeasure Collaborative.

This committee is responsible for:

1. Ensuring critical voices/key stakeholders are represented and provide input into the direction and substance of the project;
2. Helping to shape the content presented throughout the webinars and in-person meetings;
3. Ensuring the eMeasure Collaborative is soliciting the best thinking and targeting the relevant issues related to the adoption and implementation of eMeasures;
4. Supporting/facilitating outreach to potential participants; and
5. Promoting overall visibility of the eMeasure Learning Collaborative.

**TIME COMMITMENT:** The eMeasure Learning Collaborative Planning Committee meets through web meetings approximately every two weeks to strategize the next steps for the eMeasure Learning Collaborative.

**CONSIDERATION AND SUBSTITUTION:** Priority for eMeasure Learning Collaborative Planning Committee membership will be given to nominations from NQF members. Please note that nominations and Planning Group membership are of individuals, not organizations, so “substitutions” of other individuals from an organization at meetings and conference calls are not permitted.

**MATERIAL TO SUBMIT:** Self-nominations are welcome. Third-party nominations must indicate that the individual has been contacted and is willing to serve.

To be considered for appointment to the Planning Group, please send the following information:

- a completed [nomination form](#);
- a 1-page letter of interest, highlighting experience/knowledge relevant to the expertise described above;
- confirmation of availability to participate in the above meeting schedule;
- a short biography *up to 100-words*, highlighting experience/knowledge relevant to the expertise described above.

Materials should be submitted via e-mail only to [nominations@qualityforum.org](mailto:nominations@qualityforum.org) with the subject line “eMeasure Learning Collaborative Nominations.”

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION:** All nominations **MUST** be submitted by **Friday, February 22, 2012 at 6:00pm ET.**

**QUESTIONS:** If you have any nomination-specific questions, please contact Connie Bach at 202.783.1300 or [nominations@qualityforum.org](mailto:nominations@qualityforum.org).

If you have eMeasure Learning Collaborative -specific questions, please contact Christina Mandzuk at 202-783-1300 or [cmandzuk@qualityforum.org](mailto:cmandzuk@qualityforum.org). Thank you for your interest!

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