The eMeasure Learning Collaborative is a public initiative convened by the National Quality Forum to bring together stakeholders from across the healthcare quality enterprise. The Collaborative's goal is to create a learning environment for advancing knowledge and promoting best practices related to the development and implementation of electronic quality performance measures (eMeasures). It will also increase momentum toward the use of an electronic platform for quality measurement, key to improving the overall quality of healthcare.

Platform for Virtual & In-Person Learning

The year-long Collaborative will consist of a series of interactive webinars and in-person meetings – spearheaded by Collaborative members – focused on eMeasures, relevant standards, tools, and resources like NQF's Quality Data Model. Representing the priorities and interests of diverse stakeholders, topics will focus on issues such as implementation methods; barriers and challenges; innovative approaches to managing clinical workflows; and strategies related to data capture and aggregation.

The sessions will provide opportunity for Q&A, participant-led discussion, and goal-driven topics. The sessions will also determine best practices that can be shared and enhanced. Speakers will include Collaborative participants, NQF staff, and representatives from external organizations with extensive experience planning and implementing eMeasures.

Target Audiences & Key Stakeholders

Primary audiences for the Collaborative are providers across diverse healthcare settings working to implement eMeasures; eMeasure developers working to create measures compatible with EHR systems and usable in direct patient care; and health IT vendors working to build EHRs capable of producing eMeasures and capturing appropriate data to support them.

Secondary audiences include quality improvement entities, communities, and national, state and local governments working to understand and use measure results for reporting and quality improvement, as well as standards development organizations focused on developing, harmonizing, and approving standards that will support eMeasures.

Resources and Output

NQF's website will provide the platform for this project. Posted materials will include all presentations and supporting documentation, recordings of each webinar and meeting, and other relevant resources such as articles and published reports related to eMeasures.

Ultimate Goal: Better Measures, Better Data, Better Care

Without good, precise, and comparable data that are compatible with effective clinical workflow, measure developers cannot build the most effective quality measures, and healthcare systems cannot accurately measure and assess performance.

Innovation, best practices, and widespread implementation of eMeasures across healthcare settings will improve data capture and reporting, comparability across measures, provider performance, and ultimately the quality of care delivered.

To learn more about the eMeasure Learning Collaborative, visit the NQF website. For specific inquiries, please contact bfranklin@qualityforum.org

NQF is a non-profit organization that operates under a three-part mission to improve the quality of American healthcare by: 1) building consensus on national priorities and goals for performance improvement and working in partnership to achieve them; 2) endorsing national consensus standards for measuring and publicly reporting on performance; and 3) promoting the attainment of national goals through education and outreach programs.