



## Endorsement and Maintenance of Performance Measures

### 2015-2016 Project Schedule

	Endorsement and Maintenance Project	Measure Submission Deadline	Project End Date	Brief Project Description
1.	<b>Pulmonary/ Critical Care</b>	12/14/2015	10/17/2016	This project seeks to identify and endorse performance measures for accountability and quality improvement that address pulmonary and critical care conditions, treatments, interventions, or procedures, including: asthma management, COPD mortality, pneumonia management and mortality, critical care mortality, and length of stay. (Lung cancer measures will be considered within the Cancer project.)
2.	<b>Perinatal</b>	2/16/2016	12/5/2016	This project is specifically focused on measures of reproductive health, pregnancy, prenatal care, delivery, immediate post-partum care for newborns, and childbirth-related issues for women. Specific conditions and topics of interest include: cesarean section rates, early elective deliveries, maternal and newborn infection rates, access to prenatal and postpartum care, screening, and breastfeeding measures. (NQF's Pediatric Measures Project (Task Order 17) focuses on measures for children in infancy and beyond, after the newborn period. Additional measures related to general child health will be addressed in the Health and Well-Being Phase 3 project).
3.	<b>Palliative Care</b>	2/29/2016	12/14/2016	NQF will seek clinically-focused measures addressing physician aspects of care, as well as measures that assess experience with care, care planning, avoidance of unnecessary hospital or ED admissions, and psychological aspects of care. The Standing Committee will also review 15 pain management, dyspnea management, care preference, and quality of care at the end of life measures that are due for maintenance review.



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4.	<b>Cancer</b>	3/11/2016	12/29/2016	This project seeks to identify and endorse performance measures for accountability and quality improvement that specifically address conditions, treatments, interventions, or procedures related to breast, colon, lung, prostate, esophageal, and other cancers. In addition, NQF seeks diagnosis, symptom management, and end of life care measures.
5.	<b>Neurology</b>	1/15/2016	10/31/2016	This project seeks to identify and endorse performance measures for accountability and quality improvement that specifically address conditions, treatments, interventions, or procedures related to neurological conditions. Conditions included within the scope of this project include, but are not limited to, stroke, epilepsy, multiple sclerosis, dementia and Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, and traumatic brain injury. eMeasures in this topic area are also of particular interest.
6.	<b>Renal Phase 2</b>	4/15/2016	2/6/2017	As an extension of NQF's previous work, this project seeks to identify and endorse performance measures for accountability and quality improvement that address conditions, treatments, interventions, or procedures relating to renal conditions, including end stage renal disease and chronic kidney disease.
7.	<b>All- Cause Admissions/ Readmissions Phase 2</b>	1/29/2016	11/10/2016	This project will review endorsed and newly-submitted readmission measures for heart failure and pneumonia, all-cause hospital transfer, planned all-cause readmissions, acute care hospitalization during home health, and emergency department use without hospitalization during home health. In addition, this project will complete



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				the SDS trial period evaluation of 16 measures from the All-Cause Admissions and Readmissions Phase 1 project.
8.	<b>Person &amp; Family Centered Care Phase 3</b>	3/31/2016	1/3/2017	This project will review endorsed and newly-submitted measures on health-related quality of life, patient and family engagement in care (i.e. shared decision-making and preparation and activation for self-care management); and outcomes of interest to patients receiving healthcare services (i.e. functional status, symptom and symptom burden, and experience with care).
9.	<b>Cardiovascular Phase 4</b>	4/29/2016	2/13/2017	This project will review endorsed and newly-submitted measures for public reporting and quality improvement that specifically address cardiovascular conditions, including hypertension, coronary artery disease, acute myocardial infarction, PCI, heart failure, atrial fibrillation, or other heart disease, treatments, diagnostic studies, interventions, procedures (excluding surgical procedures), or outcomes associated with these conditions.
10.	<b>Patient Safety Phase 3</b>	5/13/2016	3/3/2017	This project will review endorsed and newly-submitted measures for public reporting and quality improvement that specifically address patient safety related domains, including VTEs, hair removal, falls, burns, medication safety, pressure ulcers, restraints, and mortality measures. There is also a recognized need to expand available patient safety measures beyond the hospital setting and harmonize safety measures across sites and settings of care.
11.	<b>Health and Well Being Phase 3</b>	6/30/2016	4/17/2017	This project seeks to identify and endorse measures for public reporting and quality improvement that can be used to assess health-



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				related behaviors (e.g. smoking, diet); community-level indicators of health and disease (e.g. disease incidence and prevalence); primary prevention and screening (e.g. influenza immunization); practices to promote healthy living; community interventions (e.g. mass screening); access to care; and modifiable social, economic, environmental determinants of health with a demonstrable relationship to health and well-being.
12	<b>Surgery Phase 3</b>	5/31/2016	3/21/2017	This project will review endorsed and newly-submitted surgical performance measures for accountability and quality improvement that address surgical topic areas like, pre and post-surgical care, timing of prophylactic antibiotic, and adverse surgical outcomes.