

The Quality Community: Summer 2016



We Are the Quality Community

Each and every one of our Member organizations plays an important role in the Quality Community, making it a dynamic and essential forum for everyone with an interest or stake in quality measurement. Please help us celebrate our [longest-standing Members](#) for their unwavering leadership and dedication over the past 16 years and for helping to shape NQF into the organization it is today. In addition, we are thrilled to welcome 14 new organizations who have joined NQF as Members since the beginning of the year, including the [Greater Philadelphia Business Coalition on Health](#), [U.S. Anesthesia Partners](#), and [U.S. Pharmacopeial Convention](#). Thank you to all of our Members for your continued support.



NQF Events: Save the Date!

Planning is underway for more than 40 Member events over the next year, which will encompass a wide array of formats and topics to meet the diverse needs and interests of our Members. Please plan to join us for these upcoming events:

NQF Member Meet-Up

October 2016: Join **Helen Burstin, MD**, NQF's chief scientific officer, for our [Member Meet-Up](#) in Chicago. Find out how current models of attributing episodes of patient care to providers are evolving and share your insights and perspectives on challenges and solutions associated with this increasingly complex issue. NQF will publish a new report on attribution in early 2017.

National Quality Partners Webinar

November 15: Join [National Quality Partners](#) for "[Strategies for Change: A Collaborative Journey to Transform Advanced Illness Care](#)." Learn about emerging areas of person-centered advanced illness care, examples of measurement opportunities and successes, and the need for multiple stakeholders and disciplines to encourage widespread implementation.



Events Hosted by Our Members

Our Members host a range of important and timely webinars, conferences, and meetings throughout the year, and we want to share your news! [Contact us](#) with details of your upcoming events for inclusion in our [Twitter feed](#), newsletter, and other vehicles.

September 20-21 (Washington, DC)

C-TAC's [3rd Annual National Summit on Advanced Illness Care: Building Bridges to Success](#) will address the most pressing issues in social change, including care delivery, shared decisionmaking, and measurement.

September 27-30 (Philadelphia, PA)

Join the American College of Physicians and ECRI Institute for the Guidelines International Network (G-I-N), exploring individualized guidelines and clinical performance measurement in an era of personalized medicine.

October 24 (Washington, DC)

NCQA's [Quality Talks](#) features thought-provoking talks by current and emerging healthcare leaders with ideas about how we can collaboratively improve American healthcare, as well as interactive dialogue to inspire action and dismantle barriers.



NQF's Annual Conference

April 4-5, 2017: Save the date for NQF's Annual Conference, "Accelerating the National Agenda for Quality Measurement and Value." Featured speakers include **Richard Carmona, MD, MPH, FACS**, 17th surgeon general of the United States and president, Canyon Ranch Institute; **Thomas H. Lee, MD**, chief medical officer, Press Ganey; and **Ramanathan (Ram) Raju, MD, MBA, FACS, FACHE**, president and chief executive officer, NYC Health + Hospitals. As always, Members receive a significant registration discount. Please contact [Jonathan Grau](#) to learn more about sponsoring this exciting event.



Member Perspective

[Lisbeth Fahey, MSN, RN](#), executive director for quality, safety, accreditation/regulatory and emergency preparedness, [Children's National Health System](#)—a new Member of the NQF Quality Community—shares her perspective on the value of membership:

“Patient safety and quality care are central to who we are and all we do at Children’s National Health System. Through NQF, we look forward to networking with likeminded organizations focused on quality as we help chart the future of healthcare quality together. We all understand the concept of value-based care and the imperative to maintain high quality while driving down costs. We look forward to working together to better understand how to measure this equation for the best patient outcomes. We also look forward to the opportunity to advocate and help others understand our unique pediatric landscape and viewpoint, which we hope to accomplish by participating in workgroups and on committees. We hope to meet and work with many of you in the future.”



Working Together

NQF is pleased to work as a technical advisor with Member organizations [PCORI](#) and the [National Health Council](#) on a [new initiative](#) to create a healthcare quality curriculum for patients. Together, we hope to better engage patients in measurement and encourage them to take an active role in their health and healthcare—an important issue and a vision shared by all of us in the healthcare community as we move to drive system-level transformation that reflects the patient voice.

The new [National Quality Partners Playbook: Antibiotic Stewardship in Acute Care](#) reflects the input and guidance of experts from more than 25 Member organizations who served on NQF’s Antibiotic Stewardship Action Team. More than one-quarter of all NQF Member organizations participated in the [launch webinar](#) for this urgently needed resource to help acute-care hospitals in the United States implement strategies that promote the appropriate, safe use of antibiotics.



We Connect You to What Matters

We continue to expand our programming, events, and forums exclusively for Members to make quality measurement easy and accessible, and to provide valuable tools and resources for team members who are not expert in quality measurement.

Thanks to your participation and feedback, our [Member Networks](#) have become a go-to destination to connect with other Members around issues you care about most and include **Renal Health, Cancer, Health IT, and Quality Policy**.

In June, we hosted a series of webinars for NQF's Renal Member Network exploring new and emerging treatment options—including self-dialysis—that represent a shift in thinking about delivering care to patients on their own terms.

In July, we kicked off NQF's newest Member Network on Quality Policy with a webinar attended by nearly 150 Members. Our newest Member Network represents an exciting collaboration between NQF's Membership and Public Affairs teams to bring you insights about quality measurement on Capitol Hill, learn about your initiatives in the quality arena, and identify opportunities to work together. [Sign up now](#) to join NQF's Quality Policy Network.

Contact Us!

If you have questions about your Membership or would like more information about NQF programs, please [contact the Membership team](#).

