



Perinatal and Reproductive Health Project 2015-2016

What Are We Doing?

This project seeks to advance reproductive, maternal, and newborn health and well-being through quality measurement. Specifically, this work will identify and endorse performance measures for accountability and quality improvement that specifically address conditions, treatments, interventions, or procedures relating to reproductive health, pregnancy planning and contraception, pregnancy, childbirth, and post-partum and neonatal care. As part of this project, 24 NQF-endorsed measures that are due for maintenance review will be re-evaluated against the most recent NQF measure evaluation criteria. Specific conditions and topics addressed by these endorsed measures include: cesarean section rates, early elective deliveries, maternal and newborn infection rates, access to perinatal and postpartum care, screening measures, and breastfeeding measures.

Why Now?

Despite spending more on perinatal healthcare than any other health sector (\$111 billion in 2010), the United States ranks last in maternal outcomes among all industrialized nations. With nearly four million U.S. births in 2013, and great disparities in care and outcomes among different racial and ethnic groups, reproductive and perinatal healthcare is a major concern for women of reproductive age, mothers, babies, and the providers who care for them, and so, accordingly, are major topics of interest for quality measurement.

How Can Members Get Involved?

We encourage NQF members to provide their valuable insights to this effort. Opportunities to get involved are shared below:

OCT 16 - JAN 26	<i>Nominate Standing Committee members</i>
OCT 16 - FEB 16	<i>Submit measures</i>
MAR 18 - 31	<i>Comment on submitted measures before committee review</i>
MAY 2 - 3	<i>Join the Standing Committee deliberations</i>
JUN 7 - JUL 6	<i>Comment on Standing Committee recommendations</i>

Organizations that are not yet NQF members but are interested in the Perinatal and Reproductive Health field should consider joining to add their diverse perspectives to this important work.

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