

THE NATIONAL QUALITY FORUM

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS TO STEERING COMMITTEE

National Voluntary Consensus Standards for Development of a Framework for Measuring Quality for Prevention and Management of Pressure Ulcers

NQF is seeking nominations for members of a Steering Committee for a new project to develop and endorse a framework for measuring quality for prevention and management of pressure ulcers at both the facility and practitioner levels across the continuum of care.

BACKGROUND: In this project, NQF will perform an environmental scan of performance measures and evaluation tools pertaining to pressure ulcers in all healthcare settings. In addition, NQF will seek to develop a framework that addresses 1) the prevention and healing of pressure ulcers; 2) measuring incidence and prevalence of pressure ulcers and the pros and cons of both; 3) the multiple levels of analysis, including providers, systems, communities and geographical areas; 4) accountability as the patient moves across settings of care, i.e., present on admission, etc.; 5) measuring and staging of pressure ulcers, including temporarily “unstageable” pressure ulcers and scoring systems; 6) multiple lesions and deep tissue injury in evolution; and 7) harmonization of measure specifications across settings of care.

STEERING COMMITTEE: A Steering Committee will build upon the environmental scan performed by NQF staff and will oversee the development of a draft framework. The Steering Committee, comprised of approximately 20 individuals, will represent the range of stakeholder perspectives, including consumers, purchasers, quality improvement professionals, researchers, and healthcare system professionals possessing relevant knowledge and/or experience regarding the prevention and management of pressure ulcers.

Steering Committee members should not have a vested interest in any candidate measures that may be submitted as part of this project. This includes employees or contractors of measure owners/developers; members of workgroups that develop measures; and members of committees that approve measures, or direct or set policy for measure development. Please see the NQF website for additional information about the conflict of interest policy. All potential Steering Committee members must disclose any current and past activities during the nomination process.

As with all NQF projects, the Steering Committee will work with NQF staff to develop specific project plans, provide advice about the subject; ensure input is obtained from relevant stakeholders, review draft products, and research priorities for consideration under the Consensus Development Process.

TIME COMMITMENT: One two-day in-person Steering Committee meeting will be held for this project. *The Steering Committee will meet in person for a two-day meeting on January 6-7,*

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2009 in Washington, DC. Additionally, Steering Committee members will meet by conference call December 1, 2008 from 2-4 pm ET and on January 15, 2009 from 2-4 pm ET. Follow-up e-mail communications or conference calls may be required.

CONSIDERATION AND SUBSTITUTION: Priority will be given to nominations from NQF Members. Please note that nominations are to an individual, not an organization, so “substitutions” of other individuals from an organization are not permitted.

MATERIALS TO SUBMIT: Self-nominations are welcome. Third-party nominations must indicate that the individual has been contacted and is willing to serve on the Steering Committee. To be considered for an appointment, please send the following information:

- a completed nomination form;
- confirmation of availability to participate in the January 6-7, 2009 in-person meeting and planned conference calls;
- a 2-page letter of interest, highlighting experience/knowledge relevant to the expertise described above and any involvement in candidate measure development;
- a curriculum vitae and/or list of relevant experience (e.g., publications) *up to 20 pages*; and
- a completed “Disclosure of Interest” form.

All nomination materials should be submitted via email to pressureulcer@qualityforum.org with “Nominations – Pressure Ulcer” in the subject line.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: All nominations MUST be submitted by **6:00pm EDT on November 13, 2008.**

QUESTIONS: If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Hines, BSN, MS at 202.783.1300 or pressureulcer@qualityforum.org. Thank you for your interest in this project!

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