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Set Your Course with QPS

What is QPS?

NQF's [Quality Positioning System \(QPS\)](#), currently in beta format, is your navigation system for finding and exploring ways to use NQF-endorsed measures® to achieve your measurement goals.

Because all measures in QPS are endorsed by NQF, you have the comfort of knowing they reflect rigorous review of the evidence that supports them and the consensus of many stakeholders on their endorsement.

Find NQF-endorsed measures easily.

With the beta version of QPS, you can quickly locate NQF-endorsed measures by their names, numbers, or key search terms. You can also search for measures by condition, care setting, data source, and several other categories.

The screenshot shows the QPS interface with a search bar containing the word 'heart'. Below the search bar are several filter categories, each with a plus sign to expand it: Condition, Care Setting, Cross-Cutting Area, Data Source, Level of Analysis, Measure Type, Purpose/Use, and Target Population. The 'Data Source' filter is currently expanded, showing 'Electronic Clinical Data' and 'Electronic Health Record'. At the bottom of the filter section is a 'CLEAR ALL' button and a link to the 'QPS Glossary'.

Create your own lists—or portfolios—of measures.

You can move measures into your own portfolios to explore what's available and work with them in different combinations. Maybe you want to develop a portfolio of measures for a new initiative, such as a patient-centered medical home, or a portfolio of measures for monitoring improvements in the health of a specific population. You can create as many portfolios as you need.

Share portfolios—or not.

You can share your portfolios with specific people and give them rights that will help you collaborate on customized lists of measures.

You can make a portfolio public, so that anyone who sees it listed in QPS can make suggestions or tell you about their experiences working toward similar goals. Alternatively, you can keep your portfolio private—just a working document for your own explorations.

And, of course, you can search for, use, and provide feedback on portfolios created by others.

Compare and Contrast.

Sometimes you need to look beyond the titles to understand how NQF-endorsed measures differ from each other. You can select several measures to compare their data sources and other characteristics. You might, for example, compare the age ranges, timeframes, or stewards of different measures.

You can also compare portfolios. You could, for example, compare the portfolios created by others to see which NQF-endorsed measures they are using in a particular area, such as Meaningful Use.

"QPS is a great place to get ideas and see what others are doing."

— Amiee Moore, OK Medicaid
Oklahoma City, OK

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BETA

QPS Home Find Measures Browse Portfolios Give Feedback Learn Help

FIND Measures BROWSE Portfolios

SEARCH TERM
heart

REFINE RESULTS

Condition +
Care Setting +
Cross-Cutting Area +
Data Source +
Electronic Clinical Data: Electronic Health Record
Level of Analysis +

Measures (5) Portfolios Compare

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TITLE ↓↑	NQF# ↓↑	STEWARD ↓↑	UPDATED ↓↑	ACTIONS
Cardiac Rehabilitation Patient Referral From an Inpatient Setting	0642	American College of Cardiology	May 05, 2010	ADD TO PORTFOLIO ADD TO COMPARE OPEN IN NEW WINDOW
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Patients with Atrial Fibrillation Receiving Anticoagulation Therapy	0436	The Joint Commission	Jul 31, 2008	ADD TO PORTFOLIO ADD TO COMPARE OPEN IN NEW WINDOW
Pulmonary CT Imaging for Patients at Low Risk for Pulmonary Embolism	0667	Partners HealthCare System, Inc.	Apr 26, 2011	ADD TO PORTFOLIO ADD TO COMPARE OPEN IN NEW WINDOW
Pulmonary Function Tests before major anatomic lung resection (pneumonectomy, lobectomy)	0458	Society of Thoracic Surgeons	Jul 31, 2008	ADD TO PORTFOLIO ADD TO COMPARE OPEN IN NEW WINDOW

What QPS can provide.

Typically, QPS will provide you with a measure's description, what's in its numerator and denominator, and whether risk adjustment is applied. At a glance you will see when the measure was endorsed, the name of its steward, and its status for endorsement review. QPS will tell you whether an eMeasure is available for a specific measure, as well as which published portfolios include that measure.

To learn more about QPS:

- Visit www.qualityforum.org/qps
- Watch the tour video on the QPS main page.
- Spend some time searching for measures, creating portfolios, and exploring the ones you find.
- [Contact Us Here](#)

"QPS would be a valuable resource to many HRSA grantees and partners including FQHCs, Ryan White Clinics, and Rural Health Clinics."

— Seiji Hayashi, MD, MPH
Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)
Bureau of Primary Health Care
Rockville, MD

What QPS doesn't tell you.

If your search comes up empty, you may have identified a gap where endorsed measures are needed. After all, both the measurement field and QPS are still evolving.

If you do find a measure but want additional information about it, QPS contains contact information for every measure's steward to help you dig deeper than QPS can currently go.

Help us learn from you.

Many people from NQF Member and Partner organizations have made very helpful suggestions to get QPS this far. We hope you will help us make it even better.

Please go to www.qualityforum.org/qps and tell us:

- What features of QPS are most useful to you.
- How we could make QPS easier to use.
- What added features you would like to see.