



## WHAT IS THE PROJECT?

Prostate cancer is the most common non-skin cancer in American men. Men with advanced prostate cancer (APC) often rate their quality of life lower than those with earlier-stage disease, yet clinicians underestimate the effects of the disease and its treatment on a patient's quality of life. Advances in treatment have produced more options to delay disease progression. This has transformed APC into a chronic disease for many men, making quality of life, physical functioning, and other patient-reported outcomes (PRO) critical aspects of treating and living with this disease. Thus, there is a need for more measures to reduce the physical and emotional burden of APC on patients and their caregivers.

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This NQF Measure Incubator® project is the first step toward facilitating the development of performance measures that capture the “patient voice” (i.e., patient-reported outcomes or PROs) and improve quality of life and reduce symptom burden for patients with advanced prostate cancer.

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## STRATEGY SESSION

NQF convened a Measure Incubator strategy session with a multistakeholder Expert Panel in April 2019. At this meeting, panelists discussed a range of PROs that incorporate the diversity of patient and caregiver needs and preferences. The Panel observed that patients value quantity *and* quality of life and emphasized that patient education and cultural competence are part of the bigger “quality-of-life picture.” The Expert Panel identified and prioritized 10 measure concepts that could become performance measures for APC, including a mix of patient- and caregiver-reported measures and process measures. Panelists recommended further exploration of innovative tools to gather real-time, actionable PRO data needed for patient care and performance measurement in APC.

NQF engaged a broad-based stakeholder group in this Measure Incubator project, including individuals with APC, caregivers, providers, payers, researchers, and measure developers.

## WHAT IS THE ENVISIONED OUTCOME?

Building on the recommendations from the NQF-convened strategy session, NQF seeks to facilitate the development of one or more measure concepts into fully specified and tested performance measures. NQF will explore funding to support measure development and testing beginning in summer 2019.

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This work creates a solid foundation for measures that will improve the care of APC patients by evaluating actionable, patient-centered outcomes that matter most to individuals with APC.

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