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Pulmonary and Critical Care Project 2015-2016

What Are We Doing?

NQF will review new and previously endorsed measures related to pulmonary conditions and critical care. Specifically, this project will address conditions, treatments, diagnostic studies, interventions, and procedures in these clinical areas, including, but not limited to, asthma management, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease mortality, pneumonia management and mortality, and critical care mortality and length of stay.

Why Now?

Pulmonary conditions such as asthma and chronic lower respiratory disease affect millions of Americans each year, killing thousands and placing an enormous financial burden on our nation's healthcare system. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, for example, some 18.7 million adults and 6.8 million children in the United States have asthma, and more than 3,600 people die each year from the disease. Another 137,000 people die every year from other chronic lower respiratory diseases. Meanwhile, hospitals across the nation care for about 55,000 critically ill patients each day, and those numbers are expected to rise as the ranks of baby boomers continue to grow and age. An urgent need exists to improve the care, treatment, health, and outcomes of people suffering with pulmonary conditions as well as the thousands of Americans who are critically ill.

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 9 - NOV 20	*Nominate committee members*
OCT 9 - DEC 14	*Submit measures*
FEB 3	*Receive an orientation to the consensus development process*

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FEB 10-24	*Comment on submitted measures before committee review*
MAR 15-16	*Join the Standing Committee deliberations*
APR 21 - MAY 20	*Comment on Standing Committee recommendations*

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

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