

Endorsement and Maintenance (E&M) Management of Acute Events and Chronic Conditions Roster Fall 2024 and Spring 2025 Cycles

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Introduction

The Endorsement and Maintenance (E&M) process is conducted biannually in the fall and spring to review and make endorsement decisions on submitted measures.

Measures undergoing endorsement review are organized into five projects: Primary Prevention; Initial Recognition and Management; Management of Acute Events, Chronic Disease, Surgery, and Behavioral Health; Advanced Illness and Post-Acute Care; and Cost and Efficiency.

Project committees are divided into Advisory Groups (35-40 people) and Recommendation Groups (20-25 people). Advisory Groups provide feedback and questions about the measures under review before the Recommendation Groups render final endorsement decisions.

Committee members are appointed to a 3-year term and will serve on both the Advisory and Recommendation Groups, respectively, throughout their tenure. The Advisory and Recommendation Group assignments in this roster apply to the Fall 2024 and Spring 2025 Cycles.

Please note, only individual members—and not organizational members—serve on E&M projects. Individual members represent their own perspective and experience.

Learn more about membership types and roster categories in the [E&M Guidebook](#).

E&M Management of Acute and Events and Chronic Conditions Committee Roster Fall 2024 and Spring 2025 Cycles Members

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Emily Fondahn
Mika Gans
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Michael Hanak
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Name (Last, First)	Perspectives	Advisory or Recommendation Assignment ¹	Term Period ²	Location (City, State)	Biography
Agoratus, Lauren	Patient, Caregiver, and Patient Advocate	Advisory	10/2024-9/2027	Mercerville, New Jersey	Patient participant.
Albers, Lisa	Purchaser/Plan	Recommendation	10/2023-9/2025	Sacramento, California	Dr. Lisa Albers is the chief of clinical policy for CalPERS where she oversees key initiatives including clinical quality improvement, behavioral health policy development, and pharmaceutical and benefit design programs. Before joining CalPERS, Dr. Albers spent 11 years with the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) in California, working on performance measurement and quality improvement with Medicaid health plans. Prior to that role, she audited health plans and providers for contract compliance and quality of care. Prior to DHCS, Dr. Albers worked as a forensic pathologist and is a board-certified forensic and anatomic pathologist.
Ayers, Sharon	Patient, Caregiver, and Patient Advocate	Advisory	10/2023-9/2026	--	Patient participant.
Barham, Jeni	Clinician; Other Interested Parties (Expert in Quality Improvement)	Advisory	10/2024-9/2027	Monticello, Arkansas	Jeni Barham is the chief quality and compliance officer of Mainline Health Systems, Inc. Jeni graduated from the University of Arkansas at Monticello with her Bachelor of Science in Nursing in 2005. She joined Mainline in 2010. Prior to her coming to Mainline, Jeni worked as an RN in the Cardiac ICU and for a physician group in Honolulu, HI. For the last 14 years, Jeni has led the transition of Mainline clinics into Patient Center Medical Homes, recognized by the National Committee for Quality Assurance. Jeni has also steered the change of clinical standards and practices to value-based care focus. Jeni serves as the clinical lead, charged with continual compliance with all Health Resources & Service Administration (HRSA) requirements. Jeni has served as an examiner for the Governor's Quality Award, HRSA Clinical Reviewer, as well as received her Certification in Healthcare Quality by the National Association of Healthcare Quality and Six Sigma Yellow Belt.

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² Committee members seated in October 2023 received a random term period of 2- or 3- years. Committee members seated in October 2024 have a 3-year term period.

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Bartel, Rosie	Patient, Caregiver, and Patient Advocate	Advisory	10/2023-9/2026	Chilton, Wisconsin	Ms. Rosie Bartel is a widow, mother, grandmother, and an educator. In August of 2009 she underwent a total right knee replacement that developed a MRSA staph infection. This health care-acquired infection has led to 58 surgeries, over 200 hospitalizations, 100 blood transfusions, a right leg amputation 6 inches above the knee, and then, 2 years later a total hip amputation with the removal of part of her pelvic bone during another surgery. She also experienced sepsis and septic shock 14 times. As Ms. Bartel continues to battle this MRSA infection in her body, she is driven to share her story of survival. She believes in helping others with disabilities find their voices. She uses her story to co-design with medical professionals and researchers and to advocate for patients and their caregivers.
Bowman-Zatzkin, Whitney	Patient, Caregiver, and Patient Advocate; Rural Health Expert; Health Equity Expert; Other Interested Parties (Expert in Quality Improvement)	Recommendation	10/2023-9/2025	Fairfax, Virginia	Whitney Bowman-Zatzkin is a passionate community architect obsessed with connecting the dots to provoke change for the greater good. She is the executive director of Rare Dots, Inc. through which she dedicates energy to strategy for patient advocacy, data privacy, genetic and pharmacogenomic testing access and affordability, and is a co-founder of the Bioeconomy ISAC. Ms. Bowman-Zatzkin started in health care 20 years ago as the manager of a clinical practice and has previously served as the managing director of Flip the Clinic, a project of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation where she transformed health systems and a pediatric behavioral health practice, creating the Flip the Clinic Playbook. She's also been co-PI for Scouting Health, with Westat, and led the Great Challenges at TEDMED, producing 50+ broadcasts on the toughest conversations in health care. Additional projects featuring her work include Digital Therapeutics Alliance, Adoption-Share, VitalCrowd, CPESN, Access our Medicine - a project of Mindset Foundation, and Script your Future, a grassroots adherence project, where she was commended by the U.S. Surgeon General and multiple members of Congress.
Bramlee, Carrie	Patient, Caregiver, and Patient Advocate	Advisory	10/2024-9/2027	Lebanon, Ohio	Patient participant.

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Catalfumo, Frankie	Other Interested Parties (Expert in Quality Improvement); Health Equity Expert	Advisory	10/2024-9/2027	Crystal City, Virginia	Frankie Catalfumo is the director of practice guidance and health equity at the Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC) in their Center for Research, Practice, and Innovation (CRPI). Frankie is an infection preventionist with more than 10 years of experience leading collaborative initiatives within acute health care and the federal government. In his current role, he oversees developing practice guidance tools that are meaningful to the association's membership. He also leads investigative work regarding the relationship between health equity and infection prevention with the goal of providing practice guidance tools. Prior to joining APIC, Frankie led infection prevention initiatives at Inova Health System, the Johns Hopkins Hospital, Department of Defense, and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Joining a committee with PQM will offer a place to add his unique voice on behalf of the profession to reduce and prevent the spread of infections in health care. From the global HIV epidemic to the threat of multi-drug-resistant bacteria, all infectious agents prompt the need for effective prevention and control measures. Frankie earned a master's degree in public health from the University of Illinois-Chicago. He is board certified in infection control (CIC) and in sterile processing (CRCST).
Clayman, David	Other Interested Parties; Clinician	Recommendation	10/2023-9/2025	Winston-Salem, North Carolina	Dr. David Clayman has over 20 years of experience in the health care industry, including practicing as podiatrist and working in health IT and health consulting sectors. His interests focus on quality measurement, health informatics, and electronic clinical quality measure expression standards. Dr. Clayman currently is a clinical advisor at Mathematica where he works closely with measure developers and performs quality assurance and evaluation of technical specifications for measures used in CMS's Quality Payment Program and Centers for Medicaid and CHIP Services. Dr. Clayman previously served as principal analyst at Allscripts, where he oversaw the development and implementation of electronic clinical quality measures (eCQMs) for CMS's Eligible Clinician and Eligible Hospital quality programs.

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Doubeni, Anna	Health Equity Expert; Clinician; Facility/Institution	Recommendation	10/2023-9/2025	Columbus, Ohio	Dr. Anna Doubeni is vice chair of community health for Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center. In this role, Dr. Doubeni works on vision and goal setting, starting with how we define community health. Over the past 25 years as a physician, she has focused on improving access to care for vulnerable populations, specifically patients who are homebound or have complex medical and psychosocial needs. Having been trained in both family medicine and general preventive medicine and public health, Dr. Doubeni brings a unique perspective to population health and quality improvement.
Farquhar, Marybeth	Researcher; Other Interested Parties (Expert in Quality Improvement)	Recommendation	10/2023-9/2026	Linthicum, Maryland	Dr. Marybeth Farquhar is executive vice president, research, quality & scientific affairs for the American Urological Association, located in Linthicum, MD, and is responsible for the strategic direction of the Data, Quality Improvement & Patient Safety, Research, and Practice Guidelines Departments. Dr. Farquhar has extensive experience in research and quality measurement and serves on many panels as a measurement expert. As URAC's vice president of quality, research & measurement, she was responsible for measure evaluation, implementation, and data analysis. As vice president of performance measurement at NQF, she was responsible for strategic oversight and execution of the consensus development process. At AHRQ, she led key activities of the Quality Indicators initiative and collaborated with the CAHPS team on projects including HCAHPS.
Fergus Rowe, Icilma	Facility/Institution; Clinician; Health Equity Expert; Researcher	Advisory	10/2023-9/2026	New York, New York	Dr. Icilma Fergus Rowe is an associate professor of medicine at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. She is dedicated to finding solutions to reduce the impact in populations with disparate outcomes from heart disease such as women and certain ethnic minorities. Dr. Rowe's experience in disparities includes community outreach, teaching, and research; this has deepened her commitments to improving the outcomes and changing statistics for cardiovascular disease.

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Fondahn, Emily	Clinician; Facility/Institution	Advisory	10/2024-9/2027	Columbia, Missouri	Emily Fondahn is the chief quality officer at University of Missouri Healthcare and associate professor of medicine at University of Missouri. She is a general internal medicine physician and works clinically as a hospitalist. In her role, Dr. Fondahn oversees the Office of Clinical Effectiveness, which includes Patient Safety and Quality, Ambulatory Care Improvement, and Value-Driven Outcomes Analytics. She is responsible for the overall vision and direction for strategies that continuously improve the quality and safety of care to patients at the University of Missouri. Her areas of focus include improving transitions of care to reduce readmissions, improving health equity through key partnerships, and integrating quality data into frontline leadership.
Gans, Mika	Purchaser/Plan; Health Equity; Other Interested Parties (Expert in Quality Improvement)	Recommendation	10/2023-9/2026	Aurora, Colorado	Ms. Mika Gans holds a Master of Counseling Psychology degree and a Bachelor of Psychology degree. She has had a distinguished career spanning over 20 years in the diverse landscape of health care. Her experience encompasses direct patient care, the development of measurable therapeutic programs, the enhancement of national patient care initiatives, and leadership roles within quality departments focused on clinical outcome measurement. In her capacity as a director of quality improvement, she has demonstrated proficiency in optimizing operational processes and spearheading cross-departmental initiatives. She is a Certified Healthcare Quality Professional with a proven track record in qualitative and quantitative data analysis, operational management, problem-solving, and systems thinking. Ms. Gans' unwavering dedication to health care systems is evident through her commitment to staff development and her keen interest in behavioral economics, health care AI, and amplifying the voices of health care patients.
Geoffrey, Byron	Patient, Caregiver, and Patient Advocate	Advisory	10/2024-9/2027	Chicago, Illinois	Patient participant.

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Glance, Laurent	Facility/Institution; Clinician; Health Services Researcher; Other Interested Parties (Expert in Quality Improvement)	Recommendation	10/2023-9/2025	Rochester, New York	Dr. Laurent Glance is a physician-scientist focusing on quality measurement, health policy, and disparities. Dr. Glance is currently co-investigator on two NIH-funded R01 grants focusing on infection prevention and control in nursing home and home health care settings. Dr. Glance has over 25 years of experience working on surgical outcomes, quality measurement, and policy evaluations. Dr. Glance has published over 150 peer-reviewed publications, of which 60 are as either first or last author. In addition, Dr. Glance has served on the National Quality Forum (NQF) Scientific Methods Panel, which evaluated the scientific validity of all complex quality measures submitted to NQF, including issues related to adjustment for sociodemographic factors.
Hanak, Michael	Facility/Institution; Clinician; Other Interested Parties (Expert in Quality Improvement)	Recommendation	10/2023-9/2025	Chicago, Illinois	Dr. Michael Hanak is a family physician with dual board certification in clinical informatics. He is chairperson of the quality committee for the Rush Faculty Practice Group and serves as a medical director in the Rush Health ACO as part of his responsibility leading value-based care initiatives. He serves on the AAFP Commission on Quality and Practice and is an alternate advisor to the AMA CPT Advisory Panel. His professional interests include quality improvement, patient safety, and health equity.
Hunt, Jennifer	Patient, Caregiver, and Patient Advocate	Advisory	10/2024-9/2027	Somerset, New Jersey	Patient participant.
Jenkins, Wiley	Rural Health Expert; Health Services Researcher	Advisory	10/2023-9/2026	Springfield, Illinois	Dr. Wiley Jenkins brings nearly 30 years of experience, 13 of those at the state health department followed by 16 years as an academic researcher involved with population science. Dr. Jenkins' research has involved sexually transmitted infection epidemiology and clinical intervention assessment, rural cancer disparities and screening engagement, and harm reduction utilization and infectious disease risk reduction among people who use drugs. Most of Dr. Jenkins' work has involved consideration of the context regarding health and risk, especially from the perspective of unique opportunities and barriers for rural individuals to access and utilize routine and preventive care. This work fits within a focus of his academic department regarding how their work (research, policy development, community engagement) might lead to new opportunities and lessons for increased health opportunities and health care engagement for rural communities.
Johnson, Sarah	Patient, Caregiver, and Patient Advocate	Advisory	10/2024-9/2027	Forest Hills, New York	Patient participant.

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Joseph, Vilma	Clinician; Health Equity Expert	Advisory	10/2024-9/2027	--	Dr. Vilma Joseph is a professor of anesthesiology at Albert Einstein College of Medicine/Montefiore Medical Center. She completed her medical training, anesthesiology residency and Master of Public Health degree at Johns Hopkins. Her areas of interest include patient safety, health equity, and political advocacy where she has worked at the state and national level on these issues. Currently, she is chair of the American Society of Anesthesiologists Committee on Performance and Outcomes Measurement. She is the past president of the New York State Society of Anesthesiologists and is the current president-elect of the Bronx County Medical Society.
Little, Virna	Rural Health Expert; Facility/Institution; Other Interested Parties (Expert in Quality Improvement)	Recommendation	10/2023-9/2025	Moore, South Carolina	Dr. Virna Little is currently the co-founder of Concert Health, a national organization providing behavioral health services to primary care providers and the co-founder of Zero Overdose, a not-for-profit addressing the national crisis of unintentional overdoses. She has a doctorate in psychology degree and a Master of Social Work degree. Dr. Little is a nationally and internationally known speaker for her work in integrating primary care and behavioral health, developing sustainable integrated delivery systems and suicide prevention. She is a faculty member for the national and international Zero Suicide as well as a consultant providing technical assistance to organizations and states around the country integrating primary care and behavioral health as well as an expert on the Collaborative Care model and the implementation of sustainable, quality behavioral health services.
Mahan, Charles	Clinician; Facility/Institution	Recommendation	10/2023-9/2025	Albuquerque, New Mexico	Dr. Charles Mahan is a clinical pharmacist and has served in a multitude of roles including administrative, research, and clinical roles in cardiology and cardiac critical care with 3 decades of experience in integrated health care systems. He served for 6 years on the National Quality Forum's Cardiovascular Steering Committee for US Performance Measure Endorsement and Maintenance and has also served as chair and vice-chair for American Society of Health System Pharmacists (ASHP) Council on Therapeutics and been a member of the Pharmacy Accountability Measures Workgroup since 2016. Dr. Mahan completed a North American Thrombosis Forum (NATF) travelling fellowship at McMaster University in Canada where he externally validated the IMPACT-ILL Venous Thromboembolism (VTE) model that subsequently gained widespread international acceptance for VTE prevention and specializes in antithrombotic therapy, reversal of anticoagulation, and bleed management and cardiology.

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Mammo, Abate	Other Interested Parties (Health Care Informatics)	Advisory	10/2023-9/2026	Princeton, New Jersey	Dr. Abate Mammo serves as chief of healthcare informatics at the New Jersey Hospital Association. Dr. Mammo has a background in statistics and demography with decades of experience in public health research including health care quality assessment. During the years, he has overseen several public health data collections such as hospital discharges, vital records, reported on outcome measures using various data sources, managed several federally funded grants, worked on data-driven projects independently as well as part of a team member. Dr. Mammo brings expertise in the monitoring of patient outcomes and is an individual who is currently supporting an agency that actively promotes public health as its mission.
Nosamiefan, Chisa	Patient, Caregiver, and Patient Advocate; Health Equity Expert	Advisory	10/2024-9/2027	South Weymouth, Massachusetts	Chisa Nosamiefan is co-founder of The Labalaba Foundation for Lupus Awareness and Advocacy. With a personal experience of living with lupus, Chisa has become a global patient leader, dedicating her efforts to raising awareness, advocating for improved health care, and supporting individuals affected by this complex autoimmune disease. Chisa's deep-rooted passion for health equity and her drive to address the disparities faced by minorities in health care have been instrumental in shaping her advocacy work. She recognizes the importance of cultural competence and the role it plays in providing effective and inclusive health care services. Chisa firmly believes that embracing and integrating cultural diversity into health care practices can lead to improved outcomes and better patient experiences. As a member of the Patient Advisory Board of the Brigham and Women's Hospital Lupus Center in Boston, Massachusetts, and Partnership of Quality Measurements Review Board, Chisa actively contributes her patient perspective to help shape research, treatment protocols, and policies. Her unique insights and experiences provide valuable input for health care professionals, researchers, and pharma, bridging the gap between patients, provider, industry, and payer.

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Ojeda, Tamaire	Clinician; Other Interested Parties (Expert in Quality Improvement)	Advisory	10/2024-9/2027	Wichita, Kansas	<p>Tammy is the senior manager of quality initiatives and improvement at the Commission on Dietetic Registration, applying her knowledge, experience, and skills to develop and promote quality improvement programs. She previously served as the food service manager and outpatient clinical dietitian at a Veteran's Health Administration Facility and holds a Lean Six Sigma Yellow Belt and is Green Belt Trained. She has been a registered dietitian nutritionist for 18 years with experience in Acute Care, outpatient, higher-level education, and community settings. Her academic background includes a Bachelor of Science in Biology, a Bachelor of Science in Home Economic Sciences with a major in nutrition and dietetics, and a Master of Public Health in Healthcare Service Administration. Furthermore, she completed a Dietetics Internship at the Veteran's Health Administration and holds a Culinary Arts Certificate from Butler Community College. Tammy has always been an advocate for quality care and has always worked on quality initiatives that focused on improving service to all patients.</p>
Perez-Hudgins, Adelisa	Clinician; Patient, Caregiver, Patient Advocate	Advisory	10/2024-9/2027	Princeton, New Jersey	<p>Adelisa Perez-Hudgins serves as the director of quality at the New Jersey Health Care Quality Institute. In this role, she drives patient safety, quality improvement, and transparency initiatives to improve the health and wellbeing of New Jersey residents. She also supports patient advocacy and policy efforts to improve equitable access to care. A registered nurse, Ms. Perez-Hudgins brings with her 15 years of experience in direct patient care and management roles within acute and outpatient settings. She contributes to the Patient Safety Action Network's Medical Board Roundtable, NJAC's NAM Future of Nursing Education Committee, GOCCNJ's Palliative Care Task Force, and quality improvement committees. She holds a master's degree in nursing leadership from Rutgers University and board certification in cardiac-vascular nursing.</p>

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Poznyak, Dmitriy	Researcher; Other Interested Parties (Measure Developer)	Advisory	10/2024-9/2027	Princeton, New Jersey	<p>Dmitriy Poznyak, (Ph.D. political science, University of Cincinnati; MS, quantitative analysis, University of Leuven-University College of Brussels) is a senior researcher at Mathematica, specializing in statistics and methods. With over a decade of experience in quality measurement, Dr. Poznyak is an expert in reliability analysis, risk-adjustment methodologies, and compositing methods. His expertise extends to designing and evaluating the psychometric properties of survey instruments, particularly patient-reported outcome measures. Dr. Poznyak has played pivotal roles in various high-profile projects, including the EC eCQM project funded by CMS, where he oversaw the scientific acceptability testing of the PCW composite and led the testing of the HCV: SVR measure. He currently oversees scientific acceptability testing of the hospital harms eCQMs and the Patient Safety eCQM composite. Dr. Poznyak contributed to the development and testing of the Improvement in Depression Symptoms for Inpatient Psychiatric Facility PRO-PM, developed as part of the Behavioral Health Measures Development and Inpatient and Outpatient Measure Maintenance project for CMS. He has also led a project testing electronic clinical quality measures for patients with neurological disorders developed by the American Academy of Neurology and Neurocritical Care Society. Additionally, Poznyak developed the statistical methodology to assess the scientific acceptability of the Whole Health Index, aimed at addressing health inequities and improving health at both individual and population levels. Currently, he serves as the project director for testing the feasibility, reliability, and validity of process and patient-reported outcome performance measures (PRO-PM) developed by the American Academy of Dermatology.</p>
Pugh, Carol	Patient, Caregiver, and Patient Advocate	Advisory	10/2024-9/2027	Glen Allen, Virginia	Patient participant.
Ray, Monika	Researcher; Other Interested Parties (Expert in Quality Improvement)	Advisory	10/2024-9/2027	--	<p>Monika Ray was referred by Dr. Patrick Romano, a member of your Scientific Methods Panel and a long-term contributor to CBE committees, due to her advanced methods expertise and deep interest in feature selection, predictive analytics, pattern recognition, and development and evaluation of risk-adjustment models for rare outcomes. We believe that this expertise may be useful to the E&M committees that evaluate risk-standardized outcome measures. Monika was the primary author of risk-adjustment models and reliability estimates for three measures that were recently evaluated by the PQM.</p>

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Rosser, Michelle	Patient, Caregiver, and Patient Advocate	Advisory	10/2024-9/2027	Los Angeles, California	Patient participant.
Sarabu, Nagaraju	Clinician; Facility/Institution	Advisory	10/2024-9/2027	--	Nagaraju Sarabu is an associate professor and attending physician in nephrology and internal medicine at the MetroHealth System, in Cleveland, Ohio. She has worked for over 10 years in kidney disease and kidney transplantation, arguably one of the most stringent disciplines in medicine in terms of monitoring quality and holding programs accountable for delivering high-quality care. She has served in leadership positions such as medical director of living kidney donation and dialysis units and has overseen the operations to achieve high-quality and patient safety. As a lead population health physician in two large health systems in Ohio for the last 5 years, she has created a chronic kidney disease system of excellence in collaboration with data scientists, primary care physicians, and population health specialists. With her background in Master of Public Health and education in data science, she has conducted many original research studies and peer-reviewed journal articles in clinical science. She is currently a student of Master of Science in Population Health Management, learning principles of quality improvement, change management, and implementation science, in addition to understanding the management of accountable care organizations.
Schast, Aileen	Health Equity Expert; Clinician; Facility/Institution; Other Interested Parties (Expert in Quality Improvement)	Recommendation	10/2023-9/2025	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	Dr. Aileen Schast brings to this committee a background that includes clinical practice, research, and expertise in quality and patient safety. Having worked as a clinical psychologist and health researcher, Dr. Schast has experience conducting health services research and measure development, data collection and analysis, and the critical review of published research. For the past 10 years she has been a leader in quality and patient safety implementing programs to reduce harm, decrease unnecessary clinical variation, and improve patient outcomes. She has published and been invited to speak at national conferences about her quality improvement work. In her current role, Dr. Schast is also responsible for overseeing the submission of quality measures to regulatory bodies and developing strategic plans to improve performance on those measures.

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Schoenthaler, Antoinette	Health Equity Expert	Advisory	10/2023-9/2026	New York, New York	Dr. Antoinette Schoenthaler is a tenured professor of population health and medicine and serves as the associate director of research in the Institute for Excellence in Health Equity at NYU Langone Health. In this role, she reviews national measures of health equity (e.g., health-related social needs) and devises plans to implement data collection and tracking of the proposed metrics. In addition, Dr. Schoenthaler is principal investigator of several national and federal grants where she is evaluating strategies for implementing behavioral interventions to improve patient-reported behavioral and clinical outcomes in vulnerable patient populations in practice-based settings. Her interventions leverage digital health innovations to foster collaborative models of team care for improvement of medication adherence and disease control. She has also served on national committees and workgroups that have critically evaluated measures to assess medication adherence in patients with cardiovascular disease.
Shah, Vikram (Vik)	Purchaser/Plan; Clinician; Other Interested Parties (Expert in Quality Improvement)	Advisory	10/2023-9/2026	Baltimore, Maryland	Dr. Vikram Shah provides clinical quality leadership for Cigna and works closely with various quality and provider organizations. By focusing on the intersection of health care quality, efficiency, and customer experience along with integration of behavioral health that is delivered equitably, personalized, and accessible for all, he promotes and ensures the “whole person health” of Cigna’s members. He drives the identification of high-performing providers and facilities as well as continuously enhancing Cigna’s quality measurement as a component of value-based provider incentive programs.

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Shahian, David	Researcher; Clinician; Facility/Institution; Health Equity Expert; Other Interested Parties (Measure Developer)	Recommendation	10/2023-9/2025	Boston, Massachusetts	Dr. David Shahian is a cardiac surgeon with deep involvement in the design, implementation, and public reporting of health care quality measures at the hospital, state, and national levels. This included chairmanship of the Massachusetts Cardiac Care Quality Commission, which developed a robust, innovative quality measurement and public reporting program for cardiac surgery in the Commonwealth. Dr. Shahian has also been a leader of the national Society of Thoracic Surgeons quality program, including its various clinical registries, dozens of risk models, 35 NQF-endorsed performance measures, and a voluntary public reporting program that currently includes nearly 90% of US cardiac centers. A two-term member of the National Quality Forum Board and Executive Committee, Dr. Shahian was also chair of the NQF Task Force on Evidence and the NQF Health Professionals Council and a member of the NQF Technical Expert Panel on Risk Adjustment Guidance. Dr. Shahian has served on multiple CMS/Yale CORE Group technical expert panels, including the Overall Hospital Star Ratings TEP. Academically, Dr. Shahian is a professor of surgery at Harvard Medical School and has published more than 340 papers.
Shirley, Benjamin	Other Interested Parties (Measure Developer)	Recommendation	10/2023-9/2025	Alexandria, Virginia	Mr. Ben Shirley's career has focused on health care quality measurement, with experience across the measure development, stewardship, and implementation lifecycle. He has developed and stewarded measures at the health plan, facility, and pharmacy levels focused on chronic disease management, medication use, care coordination, and behavioral health, with recent work also centering on evaluating novel data sources in pharmacy measurement. Mr. Shirley also brings a background in health policy, with broad knowledge of CMS quality programs and experience partnering with various CMS and state programs to implement quality measures.

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Sinyagovskiy, Pavel	Clinician; Rural Health Expert	Advisory	10/2024-9/2027	Yuma, Arizona	Dr. Pavel Sinyagovskiy is an intensivist with a background in internal medicine. After earning his medical degree from the Russian National Research Medical University, Dr. Sinyagovskiy completed his internal medicine residency at Presence Saint Francis Hospital in Evanston, IL, and a critical care fellowship at Jackson Memorial Hospital/University of Miami. Since 2021, he has been serving as an intensivist at Yuma Regional Medical Center in Yuma, AZ. With over 3 years of experience in rural ICU settings, Dr. Sinyagovskiy has observed the critical role of quality measures in health care delivery. He has actively participated in implementing quality improvement projects and developing policies to enhance patient care in rural ICU. His work emphasizes improving patient outcomes through standardized care protocols and data-driven initiatives.
Slocum, Chloe	Clinician; Patient, Caregiver, and Patient Advocate; Facility/Institution	Recommendation	10/2023-9/2026	Boston, Massachusetts	Dr. Chloe Slocum is a practicing physical medicine and rehabilitation (PM&R) physician whose clinical work centers around optimizing long-term health for individuals with paralysis. She conducts research focused on assessing functional outcomes following rehabilitation, access to high-quality primary and specialty care, and systems of health care delivery across the post-acute care continuum for individuals with disabilities. Dr. Slocum was selected to serve as a 2016-2017 Commonwealth Fund Fellow in Minority Health Policy at Harvard Medical School and completed her Master of Public Health degree at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health.

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Susman, Jeff	Clinician; Researcher	Advisory	10/2024-9/2027	Galveston, Texas	<p>Jeff Susman has a deep and long-term interest in quality improvement, clinical guidelines and measure development, and community health improvement. His primary content areas of expertise are in the areas of behavioral health, musculoskeletal conditions, and pain management. He has had experience as a health system leader, community and patient advocate, and specialty society representative and understand the challenges of developing equitable measures that matter to patients, are implementable in the real world, and stand the scrutiny of providers and payors. His participation on over 20 measure and policy projects, leadership role in community health improvement in two cities, and experience in working with interprofessional teams aligns well with the overall mission of the PQM. He has led quality improvement efforts at a patient, health system, and specialty society level and has methodologic expertise in implementation science, qualitative methods, and evidence-based medicine. Jeff has demonstrated the ability to function well in multistakeholder groups and bridge the gap between science, evidence, and patient and population preferences and needs. He has broad experience in developing, implementing, and reporting quality measures in many settings. As a patient with a chronic disease, he brings a practical approach and lived experience to his work. He has also had experience in rural, inner city, suburban, and low-resource international environments. As a family physician and geriatrician, Jeff has dealt with a spectrum of preventive, acute, and chronic conditions. While he remains most interested in behavioral health and prevention, Jeff believes he has excellent preparation to address issues of initial recognition and management and chronic disease. Thus, his broad background, established expertise, and demonstrated commitment would be well-aligned with the needs of the PQM.</p>

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Suter, Lisa	Clinician; Facility/Institution; Researcher; Other Interested Parties (Measure Developer)	Recommendation	10/2023-9/2026	New Haven, Connecticut	Dr. Lisa Gale Suter is a professor of medicine (rheumatology) at Yale School of Medicine, continuously board certified in internal medicine and rheumatology. She is a leading expert in performance measurement and currently serves as senior director of quality measurement programs at CORE where she directs CMS contracts that span the life cycle of quality measure development, implementation, and maintenance, as well as the intersection of quality measurement, health equity, and digital transformation. Dr. Suter has led, directed, or consulted on development of over 50 quality performance measures, including structure, process, outcome, and PRO-based measures using administrative claims, EHR, registry and PRO data; most are CBE endorsed and in current or planned use in federal payment programs. She serves as co-chair of the American College of Rheumatology's quality measures committee.
Tait-Dinger, Ashley	Purchaser/Plan; Other Interested Parties (Expert in Quality Improvement)	Recommendation	10/2023-9/2025	Buckley, Washington	Ms. Ashley Tait-Dinger is vice president of Florida Alliance for Healthcare Value, where she is responsible for the development, implementation, and management of all health care financial and quality data collection, analysis, and dissemination activities for employer/purchaser strategies, research projects, and payment reform initiatives. She works closely with the Florida Alliance's employer/purchaser members to understand their point of view and the impact on both the employers and the employees that the organization's projects and initiatives will have. She also worked to implement electronic health records software with 1,500 providers in Central Florida. Ms. Tait-Dinger received her Bachelor of Science degree in accounting from the University of Central Florida and her Master of Business Administration from Rollins College.
Theodoropoulos, Eleni	Other Interested Parties (Expert in Quality Improvement)	Advisory	10/2024-9/2027	Washington, D.C.	Eleni Theodoropoulos, MBA, is the vice president of quality, research & measurement at URAC. This not-for-profit organization promotes continuous improvement in the quality of health care management and is in Washington, DC. She is responsible for leading resources in developing and implementing products for performance measurement and quality initiatives. In previous roles, she has led or participated in various health care initiatives that have led to multiple standardized systems and process improvements, demonstrated performance excellence, and unbudgeted revenue streams. Ms. Theodoropoulos holds an MBA in Healthcare Management, a Bachelor of Science in Decision Sciences and Management Information Systems, and a CPHIMS certification (Certified Professional in Healthcare Information and Management Systems).

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Thicklin, Florence	Patient, Caregiver, and Patient Advocate	Advisory	10/2023-9/2026	--	Patient participant.
Tierney, Samantha	Other Interested Parties (Measure Developer)	Advisory	10/2023-9/2026	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	Ms. Samantha Tierney has close to 20 years of progressive leadership experience in clinical quality measure development, endorsement, and implementation in the nonprofit health care arena. As a senior scientist, clinical policy, at the American College of Physicians (ACP), she leads the evaluation of measures according to predefined ACP-developed criteria, provides strategic direction related to performance measurement policy, and works to advance measurement science. Previously as senior director, measurement science, for the PCPI® Foundation (formerly the AMA-convened Physician Consortium for Performance Improvement), she provided technical expertise and oversaw staff managing measure development, specification, and testing projects. She was personally responsible for the development of many measures focused on several diseases, including chronic disease and behavioral health conditions. She is involved in numerous national performance measurement committees including serving as co-chair of CMS's Quality Measure Development Plan/Quality Measure Index.
Toomey, Sara	Clinician; Researcher	Advisory	10/2024-9/2027	--	Sara is chief safety and quality officer, senior vice president at Boston Children's Hospital, director/PI of the federally funded Center of Excellence for Pediatric Quality Measurement (CEPQM), and associate professor at Harvard Medical School. She oversees the safety and quality of the care provided and leads strategic safety and quality initiatives. As the director/PI of CEPQM, she has been integral to the development of multiple nationally recognized pediatric quality measures such as being the co-lead developer of the Child Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (Child HCAHPS) Survey. Her research aims to measure the quality of pediatric care, demonstrate the association between quality measures and health care outcomes, and develop interventions to improve outcomes. She received her BA from Holy Cross College and her MPhil in Social and Cultural Anthropology and MSc in Comparative Social Research from Oxford University. She completed her MD and MPH at Harvard Medical School. She completed her pediatric residency in the Boston Combined Residency Program and at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and her fellowship in the Harvard Combined Pediatric Health Services Research Fellowship Program.

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Trangle, Michael	Clinician; Other Interested Parties (Expert in Quality Improvement)	Advisory	10/2024-9/2027	Minnetonka, Minnesota	Michael Trangle is a psychiatrist who became the President of Minneapolis Psychiatric Institute, a multispecialty psychiatric group. Later he became the Behavioral Health (BH) Executive Medical Director of Allina. After the Minnesota Attorney General forced a split, he moved to HealthPartners where he was Senior BH Medical Director. In these integrated systems, he had responsibilities for mental health and substance use disorder services within clinics, hospitals, residential facilities, and health plans. Recently he's semi-retired and is a Senior Fellow at HealthPartners.
Tucker, Vandolynn	Patient, Caregiver, and Patient Advocate	Advisory	10/2023-9/2026	--	Patient participant.
Votaw, Misty	Patient, Caregiver, and Patient Advocate	Recommendation	10/2023-9/2025	Aquilla, Texas	Ms. Misty Votaw is a woman living with elevated Lp(a) and has gone most of her life without knowing what Lp(a) is or being treated for it. She has lost several family members due to heart disease and dyslipidemia who never had the opportunity for diagnosis, let alone treatment. She has been advocating for education specifically involving Lp(a) for the last 3 years since she was diagnosed after her 48-year-old sister died of a heart attack. She is passionate about helping patients, physicians, and pharmaceutical companies connect and understand each other's needs and to help educate on the importance of screening for elevated Lp(a).
Wagner, John	Facility/Institution; Clinician; Health Equity Expert	Advisory	10/2023-9/2026	Brooklyn, New York	Dr. John Wagner has served ESRD Network 2 in various volunteer capacity as a practicing nephrologist and former medical director of a large academic dialysis program and he has been involved with measure endorsement through prior membership on the Renal Standing Committee of the National Quality Forum. His current work with the nephrology service line of an 11-hospital publicly owned system focuses on improving care for a medically and socially vulnerable population. His work as an associate chief medical officer and patient safety officer of one of the largest of the 11 hospitals has given him unique insight into and knowledge of the breadth of services required by an inner-city population and the opportunities for improving their care.

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Wilcox, Jamieson	Clinician; Facility/Institution; Other Interested Parties (Expert in Quality Improvement)	Advisory	10/2023-9/2026	Los Angeles, California	Dr. Jamie Wilcox is an associate professor of clinical occupational therapy at the University of Southern California and lead clinician at Keck Medicine of USC. She has served as a sub-committee member, representing AOTA, on multiple MACRA episode-based cost measure development projects over the last 5 years. Dr. Wilcox specializes in critical care rehabilitation, as well as physical, cognitive, and behavioral health interventions for individuals with advanced pulmonary diseases, organ transplant candidates and recipients, and individuals with complex post-Covid conditions. Over the last 3 years, Dr. Wilcox has focused her efforts to establish and disseminate best practices in rehabilitation care for people suffering from post-acute COVID-19 conditions.
Young, Bianca	Patient, Caregiver, and Patient Advocate	Advisory	10/2023-9/2026	--	Patient participant.
Youngstrom, Eric	Researcher	Recommendation	10/2023-9/2025	Chapel Hill, North Carolina	Dr. Eric Youngstrom is a professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, a licensed psychologist, and the co-founder and executive director of Helping Give Away Psychological Science, a nonprofit dedicated to dissemination and implementation support. His research focuses on clinical assessment and decision making, including screening, diagnosis, and measuring treatment response and outcomes. He has been president of the Society for Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology and of the Society for Quantitative and Qualitative Methods (Division 5 of the American Psychological Association). He has worked in a wide range of clinical settings and is passionate about assessments and making them useful to stakeholders. pu
Yuce, Tarik	Researcher; Clinician; Facility/Institution; Health Equity Expert; Other Interested Parties (Expert in Quality Improvement)	Advisory	10/2023-9/2026	Indianapolis, Indiana	Dr. Tarik Yuce is an assistant professor of surgery at Indiana University School of Medicine and an investigator in the Surgical Outcomes and Quality Improvement Center at the Regenstrief Institute. Dr. Yuce's clinical focus is minimally invasive surgery and includes surgical management of hiatal hernias, gastroesophageal reflux disease, abdominal hernias, as well as bariatric surgery. Dr. Yuce's research interests include evaluating national- and state-level policies that impact both access to surgical care as well as the quality of said care.

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Zima, Bonnie	Clinician; Facility/Institution; Researcher	Recommendation	10/2023-9/2025	Los Angeles, California	<p>Dr. Bonnie Zima is a child psychiatrist and health services researcher. Her research is dedicated to improving the quality of child mental health care, with priority placed on children enrolled in Medicaid and underserved, at-risk child populations. Her research spans identification of high unmet need for mental health care, national pediatric hospitalization resource utilization and costs, validity of national quality measures, pediatric integrated care models, pediatric workforce development, and application of technologies and clinical informatics to improve child mental health care. She brings 14 years of experience serving on National Quality Forum committees related to reviewing behavioral health and substance use quality measures. She is a member of the U.S. Child and Adult Core Set Annual Review Workgroup for Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services, National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine's (the Academies) Committee on the Pediatric Subspecialty Workforce and its Impact on Child Health and Well-Being, National Advisory Board, Enhancing Systems of Care for Children with Medical Complexity Coordinating Center funded by HRSA, APA Committee on Quality Measurement, and AACAP Committee on Research.</p>

