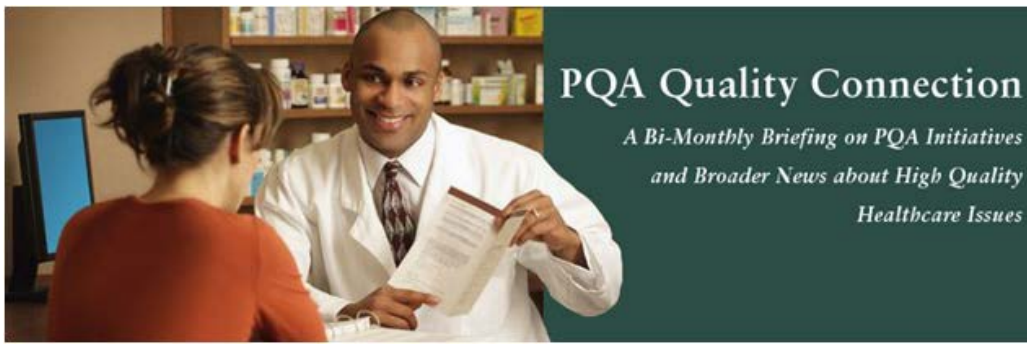


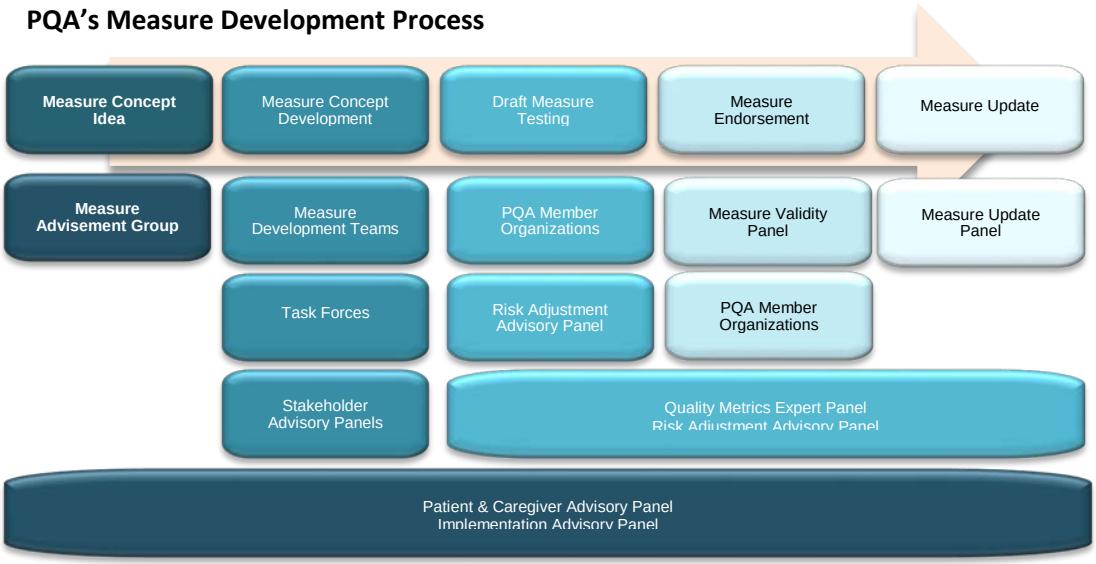
PQA's 2017 Measure Development Roadmap

PQA is pleased to launch its 2017 measure development efforts through the active engagement of Measure Development Teams (MDTs), Task Forces (TFs) and Panels. New measure concepts for development were prioritized by PQA staff based on input from PQA's Measure Advisement Group, Patient & Caregiver Advisory Panel, and Implementation Advisory Panel. The selected concepts are also considered to align with the National Quality Strategy and represent areas in which there are measurement and performance gaps based on environmental scans, to have the greatest chance of implementation in existing and emerging measure sets and performance systems.

What's New for 2017?

Beginning 2017, PQA is moving toward a rolling measure development timeline rather than being constrained by the calendar year. For example, we will convene a new measure development team, beginning in February, to develop a next generation Medication Therapy Management (MTM) measure concept to focus on improving clinical outcomes. Two MDTs from 2016 will continue into 2017 to complete their work. Additionally, some pre-work will be conducted early in 2017 to further inform potential development of additional measure concepts. This includes convening an ad hoc panel to assess the feasibility of developing pharmacy-level measures, and completing additional evidence evaluation and data analysis to inform potential development of an opioid use in pediatrics measure concept.

PQA's Measure Development Process



PQA measures are developed by MDTs and TFs, which are small, technically proficient groups of individuals who applied for or were invited to work on developing specific measure concepts based on their skills and experience. MDTs and TFs benefit by having their development work reviewed by larger groups, Stakeholder Advisory Panels. They may also receive input from the Patient & Caregiver Advisory Panel, Implementation Advisory Panel, and Risk Adjustment Advisory Panel. The 2017 MDTs and TFs will work to develop measure concepts, some being a continuation of work that began in 2015 or 2016, as well as concepts that are new for 2017. The alignment of MDTs and TFs with the three Stakeholder Advisory Panels (SAPs) are listed below:

SAP	Focus
A	**Specialty & Pharmacy** • MS TF: *Use of DMT in Patients with RRMS*; *MRI in Patients with MS on DMT*
B	**Medication Therapy Management (MTM)** • MDT 9: *MTM: Medication Therapy Problem Resolution* • MDT 14: *Next Generation MTM Measure** • Adult IZ TF 2: *Immunization Status Assessment within MTM*; *ACIP Compliance Following IZ Status Assessment*
C	**Safe & Appropriate Medication Use** MDT 12: *Inappropriate Duplicate Therapy* Adult IZ TF 3: *ACIP Schedule Completion in Patients with Diabetes**

** New concept for 2017*
ACIP = Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices; DMT = Disease Modifying Therapy; IZ = Immunization; MRI = Magnetic Resonance Imaging; MS = Multiple Sclerosis; MTM = Medication Therapy Management; RRMS = Relapsing Remitting Multiple Sclerosis; TF = Task Force

Stakeholder Advisory Panels (SAPs)
Each SAP provides input on specific measure concepts and draft measures throughout the year to ensure broader stakeholder feedback regarding the concepts under development. SAP members also receive reports from other PQA panels and relevant updates on draft measures/concepts undergoing testing and review by the Quality Metrics Expert Panel.

On February 3rd, Member organization Key Contacts began appointing their representatives to the SAPs, by visiting the PQA web site and completing a brief online form. Each member organization can appoint up to six individuals to participate on the SAPs of their choice (maximum of two organization representatives per SAP). SAPs meet every other month via webinar, with an in-person meeting at the PQA Annual Meeting.

Brief descriptions of additional PQA groups that provide valuable input into the measure development process are provided below.

Implementation Advisory Panel – A small group of individuals, invited by PQA's staff, to identify opportunities for implementation of PQA measures throughout the development process. The Implementation Advisory Panel meets quarterly, including in-person at the PQA Annual Meeting and Leadership Summit.

Measure Advisement Group – An ad hoc group representative of all membership categories that is convened during the third and fourth quarters of the year to assist PQA in identifying and prioritizing measure concepts for future development. The group rates potential concept ideas using the criteria of importance, feasibility and implementation opportunities.

Measure Update Panel – A small group of individuals, who apply for and are selected by PQA staff, to review PQA-endorsed measures to ensure they continue to align with current clinical evidence and/or guidelines and that the measures remain viable for use in the marketplace. The Measure Update Panel meets monthly via webinar.

Measure Validity Panel – A small group of individuals appointed by PQA staff, to determine whether the performance scores resulting from the measure can be used to distinguish good from poor quality clinical care (i.e., validity). The Measure Validity Panel meets on an ad hoc basis via webinar.

Patient & Caregiver Advisory Panel – A small group of individuals, selected by PQA staff through a nomination process, to provide patient and caregiver input into the measure development process to reflect the patient's voice in PQA measures. The Patient and Caregiver Advisory Panel meets quarterly via webinar.

Quality Metrics Expert Panel – A small group of individuals, selected by PQA staff through an application process, to recommend measure concepts for testing, review measure testing results, and recommend measures for endorsement consideration by PQA membership. The Quality Metrics Expert Panel meets regularly via conference line.

Risk Adjustment Advisory Panel – A small group of individuals, selected by PQA staff through an application process, to evaluate the need for clinical and/or sociodemographic status risk adjustment for PQA measures in use, and measure concepts under development. The Risk Adjustment Advisory Panel meets monthly via webinar.