

Technical Expert Panel (TEP) Overview

Background

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has contracted with Yale-New Haven Health Services Corporation/Center for Outcomes Research and Evaluation (CORE) to develop hospital quality star ratings on *Hospital Compare*. The purpose of the project is to summarize existing quality information on *Hospital Compare* to improve the usability and interpretability of quality measurement by patients, caregivers, and consumers using *Hospital Compare* to inform their decision making.

Approach to Convening the TEP

CORE assembled a TEP by reaching out to potential stakeholders and experts. CORE contacted (via e-mail) appropriate individuals and organizations. In accordance with CMS' Measure Management System guidelines, CORE recruited members that provided the following areas of expertise and perspectives:

- Topic Knowledge
- Performance Measurement
- Quality Improvement
- Health Care Disparities
- Consumer Perspective (patient/patient advocate)
- Purchaser Perspective

CMS selected 15 individuals for the TEP from among several nominated members.

Primary Objective for TEP

The TEP is responsible for providing input on measure selection and methodology feedback for the summary star ratings for *Hospital Compare*.

Next Steps in Measure Development

CORE will be posting the proposed summary star rating methodology for public comment in early 2015. CORE has proposed holding two public comments, one to solicit comments on measure selection and the other to solicit comments on star ratings scoring methodology.

The following individuals have been selected to participate in this TEP:

Name	Organization (Title)	Location
Matt Austin, PhD	Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine (Assistant Professor)	Baltimore, MD
Vinita Bahl, DMD, MPP	Performance Assessment & Clinical Effectiveness, University of Michigan Health System (Director)	Ann Arbor, MI
John Bott, MSSW, MBA	State of Wisconsin Department of Employee Trust Funds (Manager of Performance Measurement)	Madison, WI
Kathy Ciccone, RN, MBA	Healthcare Association of New York State Quality Institute (Executive Director)	Rensselaer, NY
Kelly Court, MBA	Wisconsin Hospital Association (Chief Quality Officer)	Madison, WI
Rachel Grob, PhD	The Center for Patient Partnerships, University of Wisconsin-Madison (Director of National Initiatives / Associate Clinical Professor)	Madison, WI
Rodney Hayward, MD	University of Michigan (Professor of Internal Medicine and Public Health)	Ann Arbor, MI
Emma Kopleff, MPH	Consumer-Purchaser Alliance, National Partnership for Women and Families (Senior Policy Advisor)	Washington, DC
Doris Peter, PhD	Consumer Reports Health Ratings Center (Director)	Yonkers, NY
Laura Petersen, MD, MPH, FACP	Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center (Associate Chief of Staff for Research)	Houston, TX
Casey Schwarz, JD	Medicare Rights Center (Policy & Client Services Counsel)	New York, NY
David Shahian, MD	Center for Quality and Safety, Massachusetts General Hospital (Vice-President)	Boston, MA
Brett Stauffer, MD, MHS	Baylor Scott and White Health (Director of Clinical Decision Support)	Dallas, TX
Guofen Yan, PhD	University of Virginia School of Medicine (Associate Professor of Biostatistics)	Charlottesville, VA
Ben Yandell, PhD	Clinical Information Analysis, Norton Healthcare (System Associate Vice President)	Louisville, KY