



PCPI Advisory Committees Current Work

The PCPI® Foundation (PCPI) benefits from the expertise of members who participate in its four advisory committees:

- Measures Advisory Committee (MAC)
- National Quality Registry Network (NQRN) Advisory Committee
- Quality Improvement Advisory Committee (QIAC)
- Advocacy Advisory Committee (AAC)

Membership on PCPI advisory committees is for two or three-year terms, with a maximum consecutive tenure of six years. Members consist of qualified individuals representing PCPI member organizations.

Measures Advisory Committee (MAC)

The MAC advises the PCPI Board of Directors on matters related to performance measures and lends expertise related to measure development methodologies. Current MAC activities include:

- A scoping study on the unintended consequences of performance measurement
- A white paper on measure harmonization methodology
- Measure Development and Measure Testing Toolkits

MAC members share knowledge of the performance measurement setting to enhance the PCPI's understanding of the current status and future direction and also advise on:

- PCPI's methodologies related to performance measurement
- Enhancing physician, clinician and other health care professional engagement in performance measurement; and
- Specific projects related to performance measures

The current chair of the MAC is Amir Qaseem, MD, PhD, MHA, FACP.

National Quality Registry Network (NQRN) Advisory Committee

The NQRN Advisory Committee (NQRN AC) advises the PCPI Board of Directors on matters related to registries and data. The NQRN AC lends expertise related to the creation and maintenance of registries and focuses heavily on advocating on the behalf of registries. In addition to the Advisory Committee, NQRN has several work groups under which activities are accomplished. Current activities of the NQRN include:

- Focus groups on registry sustainability and business planning
- Advocacy on behalf of Qualified Clinical Data Registries regarding intellectual property

- Creation of a Common Clinical Data Set for registry interoperability

NQRN AC members possess a wide skill set and interests including: data science, measurement, informatics, advocacy, and research. These skills are vital in enhancing the PCPI's understanding of the current registry landscape and impact on the future direction of registries. We are looking for individuals to advise on topics such as:

- Providing ongoing registry education to clinicians, health care professionals, and registry stewards
- Engaging a wider variety of stakeholders in registry activities, including diverse uses for registry data in research and industry
- Specific projects related to registry development and operations

The current co-chairs of the NQRN AC are David Shahian, MD and Lloyd Myers, RPh.

Quality Improvement Advisory Committee (QIAC)

The Quality Improvement Advisory Committee (QIAC) advises PCPI's Board of Directors on matters related to quality improvement methods and the impact of federal program activity on the practice of quality improvement by clinicians. The QIAC provides broad leadership and recommendations related to QI best practices and training while encouraging efforts to assist clinicians and their organizations to improve their practice and performance using established improvement methods, tools and knowledge. The QIAC also identifies topics that could benefit from the establishment of a cross-cutting QI approach to develop new knowledge and drive the science and practice of improvement forward, such as the Closing the Referral Loop Project, which included a QI collaborative and resulted in a tool kit, several webinars, a peer-reviewed journal article, and national presentations to share lessons on this important topic. The QIAC also:

- Serves as a focus group on quality improvement trends and challenges
- Advocates on behalf of the improvement needs of clinicians
- Identifies and promotes best practices in healthcare QI programs

QIAC members represent a variety of positions and vantage points within the healthcare delivery system. They help ensure the PCPI QI program provides valuable services to member organizations, which assist practicing clinicians improve the quality of care they provide to patients and their families. The QIAC members' perspectives are critical in helping PCPI understand the state of the QI landscape and the needs and challenges of practicing clinicians. PCPI's QI program:

- Provides leading practices webinars and highlights these programs at conference sessions
- Conducts in-person workshops and webinars designed to enhance the ability of practicing clinicians to improve their work using established methods and tools for problem solving, as well as the capability of member organizations to develop and manage national QI programs
- Serves as a convener of multiple stakeholders on cross-cutting issues, as well as QI advisor to expand capacity of member organizations to drive improvement

The chair of the QIAC will be determined in January 2019.

Advocacy Advisory Committee (AAC)

Late in 2018, the PCPI began soliciting nominations for an inaugural group of members to advise on advocacy-related issues in the health care quality domain. Created in response to PCPI membership calls for increased advocacy, this new committee will leverage PCPI's long-established expertise and

visibility to be a voice of our stakeholders in regulatory and policy issues that impact their efforts in measurement science, quality improvement, and clinical registries. Reporting to PCPI's Board of Directors, the AAC will be responsible for

- Monitoring and defining the governance process for PCPI advocacy activities for approval by the Board of Directors
- Supporting member engagement in PCPI advocacy activities
- Contributing and monitoring PCPI responses to proposed rulemaking and policymaker education
- Supporting the engagement of outside stakeholders as partners in PCPI advocacy activities
- Providing input to PCPI's annual plan for advocacy activities
- Participating in an annual review of PCPI advocacy activities

The current chair of the AAC is Dianne Jewell, PT, DPT, PhD, FA.