NQF Announces Inaugural Winners of Measure Incubator™ Innovation Challenge

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Dr. Phillips’ paper proposes using a new data registry open to all primary care physicians to identify and develop efforts to improve clinical practice and quality measures. “The ABFM is working to relieve physician burden and to respect their efforts to improve quality,” said Dr. Phillips. “The PRIME Registry aims to liberate their EHR data and turn it into dashboards to inform patient and population health. By moving ABFM Performance Improvement Activities into the registry, our goals are to put quality measures close to quality improvement options, and to have quality improvement count for both continuous certification and the Quality Payment Program. We are so pleased that the National Quality Forum recognizes this as an innovation in quality measurement and improvement.”

NQF issued the Innovation Challenge as part of its Measure Incubator™, an initiative that nurtures the development of needed measures by connecting organizations interested in particular measure concepts with measure development experts, financial and technical resources, and data. NQF received a total of 24 submissions for the Innovation Challenge, and all entries will be featured as initial content for the Measure Incubator’s Learning Collaborative. Launching in early 2017, the NQF Measure Incubator Learning Collaborative will share knowledge, lessons learned, and best practices to inform, improve, accelerate, and better target measure development.

“NQF is committed to fostering learning and improvement in the measure development process,” said Cristie Travis, CEO of the Memphis Business Group on Health and a member of NQF’s Measure Incubator Working Group Committee that selected awardees. “All of the papers—and the winners, in particular—pose very thoughtful solutions to improve measure development and close measure gaps, and will undoubtedly inspire everyone working to improve the health and lives of Americans through quality measurement.”

The Innovation Challenge winners will present their papers during NQF webinars later this fall. Each winner will receive a cash award of $2,000. The Innovation Challenge was supported by a grant from Merck & Co., Inc.
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