

Behavioral Health eMeasures Suicide and Trauma - Meeting 3 Technical Expert Panel • June 11, 2012



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Agenda

- **Introduction (5 minutes)**
 - Welcome and Roll Call
 - Review project schedule
- **Goals, Outcomes, and Context**
 - Project Goals and Outcomes (5 minutes)
 - “Meaningful Use” Program Requirements (15 minutes)
- **Today’s Domain Discussions**
 - Trauma – (30 minutes)
 - Suicide – (30 minutes)
- **Next Steps and Questions (5 minutes)**



Roll Call

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Bold = Lead
(#) = High Priority Measures

FULL MEETING SCHEDULE and TOPICS

WEEK #	MEETING DAYS	TOPIC
1	OPTION 1: 4/9: 1:00pm-3:00pm OPTION 2: 4/12: 12:30pm–2:30pm	KICK-OFF
2	4/16 3-4:30pm Eastern	Suicide/Trauma – Meeting 1
3	4/23 3-4:30pm Eastern	Autism – Meeting 1
4	4/30 3-4:30pm Eastern	Depression – Meeting 1
5	5/7 3-4:30pm Eastern	Drugs/Alcohol – Meeting 1
6	5/14 3-4:30pm Eastern	Suicide/Trauma – Meeting 2
7	5/22 2:30-4:00pm Eastern TUESDAY	Autism – Meeting 2
8	5/29 3-4:30pm Eastern TUESDAY	Depression – Meeting 2
9	6/4 3-4:30pm Eastern	Drugs/Alcohol – Meeting 2
10	6/11 3-4:30pm Eastern	Suicide/Trauma – Meeting 3
11	6/18 3-4:30pm Eastern <i>*NOTE: Date may be moved to 6/19</i>	Autism – Meeting 3

FOCUS MEETING SCHEDULE and TOPICS

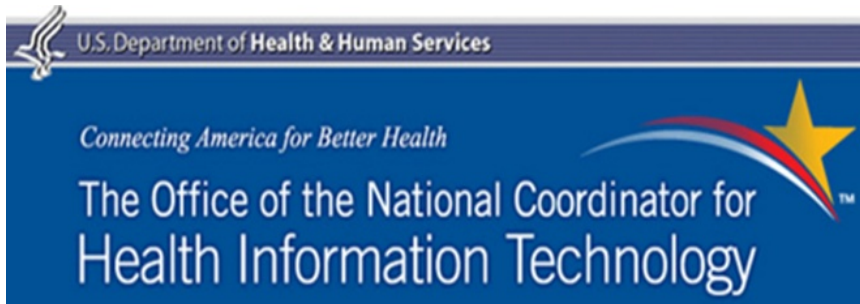
WEEK #	MEETING DAYS	TOPIC
12	6/25 3-4:30pm Eastern	Depression - Meeting 3
13	7/2 3-4:30pm Eastern	Drugs/Alcohol–Meeting 3
14	7/9 3-4:30pm Eastern	Depression
15	7/16 3-4:30pm Eastern	Drugs/Prescription Drug Misuse
16	7/23 3-4:30pm Eastern	Depression
17	7/30 3-4:30pm Eastern	Drugs/Prescription Drug Misuse
18	8/6 3-4:30pm Eastern	Depression
19	8/13 3-4:30pm Eastern	Drugs/Prescription Drug Misuse
20	8/20 3-4:30pm Eastern	Depression
21	8/27 3-4:30pm Eastern	Drugs/Prescription Drug Misuse
22	9/3 3-4:30pm Eastern	Depression
23	9/10 3-4:30pm Eastern	Drugs/Prescription Drug Misuse
24	9/17 3-4:30pm Eastern	Depression
25	9/24 3-4:30pm Eastern	Drugs/Prescription Drug Misuse



Goals and Outcomes

Project Goal

Develop a portfolio of behavioral health (BH) clinical quality measures (CQMs) suitable for inclusion in the EHR incentive program for Meaningful Use (MU) of Health Information Technology (IT)



Project Phase 2 – Outcomes

- **Broad review of 6 domain areas with report of findings**
 - Perform Environmental Scan for non-NQF-endorsed measures
 - Perform Clinical Literature Search for available evidence (Meeting 1)
 - TEP Review of Environmental Scan results (Meeting 2 and 3)
 - Measure Development Recommendations Report (Meeting 3 and post-meetings)

- **Research Drug Use/ Prescription Drug Misuse (DU/PDM) Clinical Evidence (Meeting 4-9)**
 - Document clinical evidence to support NQF-endorsement of effective DU/PDM care approaches
 - Document clinical evidence to support NQF-endorsement of effective SBIRT DU/PDM care approach
 - Fund clinical research of patient-entered SISQ

- **Support development of a trended Depression Outcome Clinical Quality Measure (Meeting 4-9)**

Technical Expert Panel (TEP) Schedule

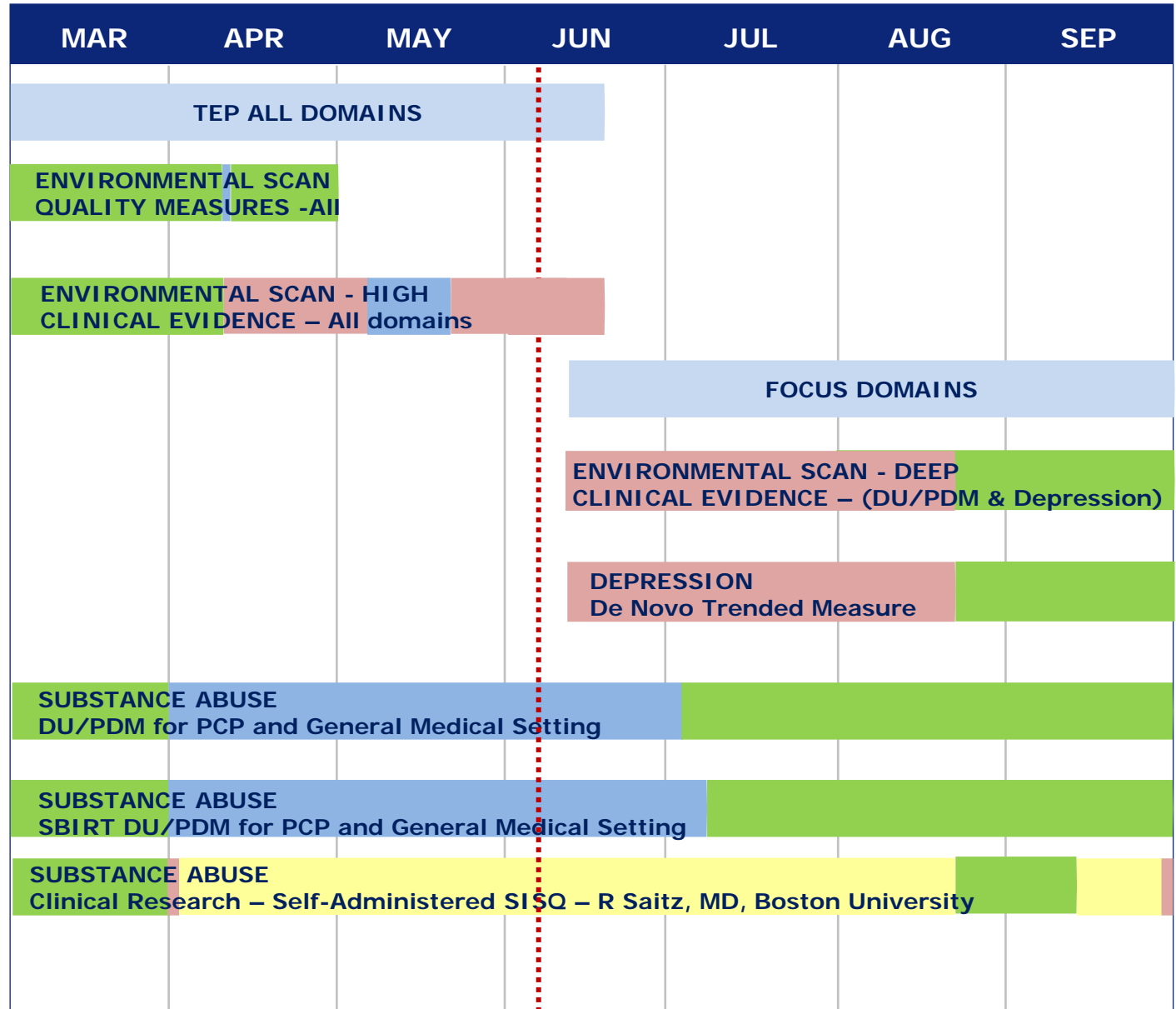
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TEP

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Literature Search

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Meaningful Use EHR Incentive Program Highlights

EHR “Meaningful Use” Incentive Program

**2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
(ARRA)**

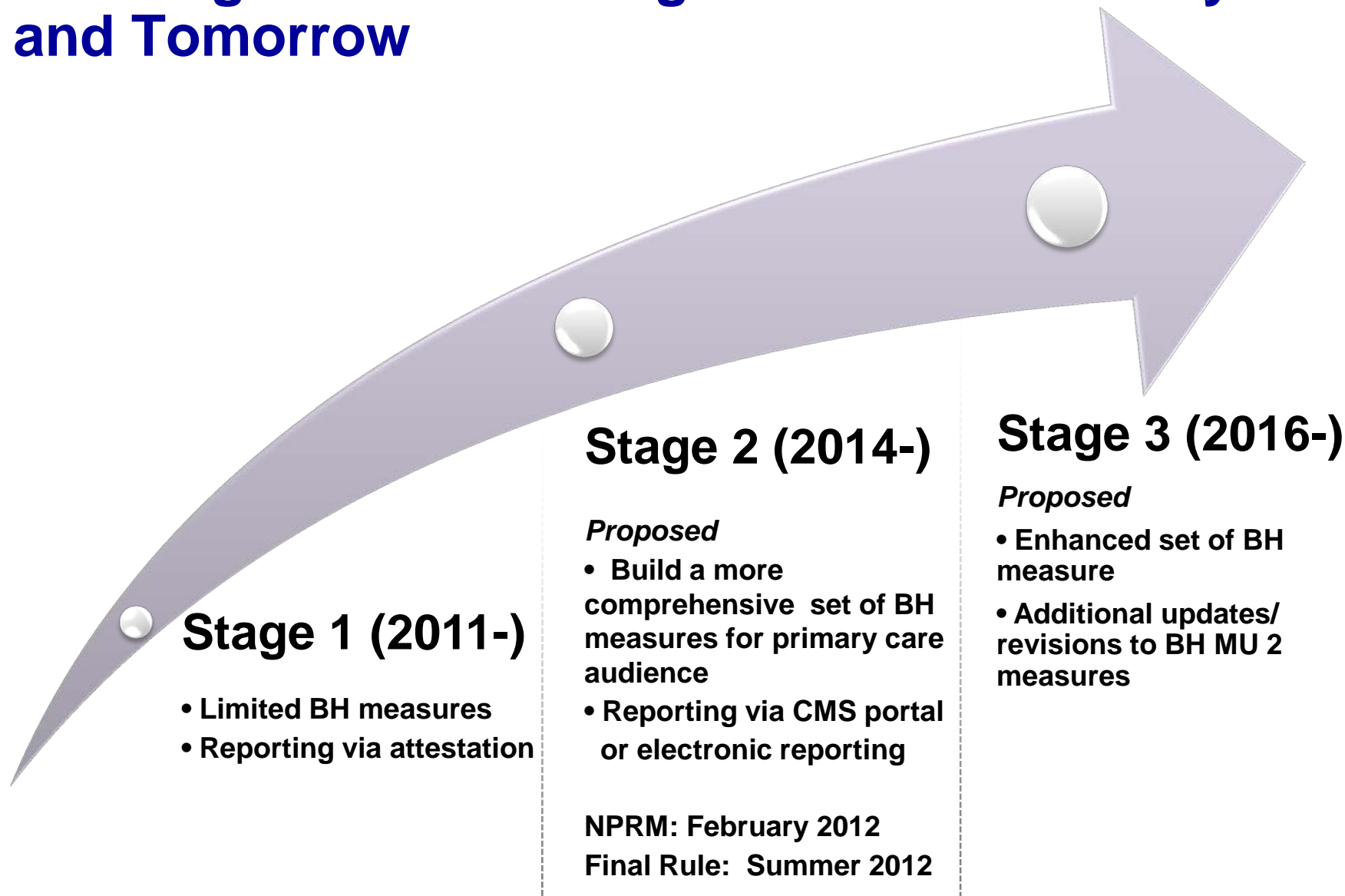
**Health Information Technology for Economic and
Clinical Health Act (HITECH)**

Provides incentive payment to eligible providers (up to \$44,000 over three years) and hospitals (\$\$\$\$ depending on patient volume) for

“The use of a certified Electronic Health Record:

- ... in a meaningful manner, such as e-prescribing.**
- ... for electronic exchange of health information to improve quality of health care.**
- ... to submit clinical quality and other measures”**

Meaningful Use: Meeting the Needs of Today and Tomorrow



Who qualifies for incentive payments?

Eligible Professionals - *Medicare* EHR Incentive Program:

Doctor of medicine or osteopathy, dental surgery, dental medicine, podiatry, optometry, chiropractic

Eligible Professionals - *Medicaid* EHR Incentive Program:

- Physicians (medicine and osteopathy) and Dentist**
- Nurse practitioner, Certified nurse-midwife**
- Physician assistant who furnishes services in a PA-led FQHC or Rural Health Clinic**

Who qualifies for incentive payments?

Eligible Hospital - *Medicare* EHR Incentive Program:

- "Subsection (d) hospitals" in the 50 states or DC that are paid under the Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS)
- Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs)
- Medicare Advantage (MA-Affiliated) Hospitals

Eligible Hospital - *Medicaid* EHR Incentive Program

- Acute care hospitals (including CAHs and cancer hospitals) with at least 10% Medicaid patient volume
- Children's hospitals (no Medicaid patient volume requirements)

NOTE: Some hospitals may receive incentive payments from both Medicare and Medicaid if they meet all eligibility criteria.

A Good “Meaningful Use” Quality Measure

- **Relates to the “Eligible Professional” or “Eligible Hospital” care setting**
- **Endorsed by the National Quality Forum (preferred)**
- **Can be collected and reported from an Electronic Health Record**

NQF Endorsement Criteria

NQF currently uses four criteria to assess a measure for endorsement:

- **Important to measure and report to keep our focus on priority areas, where the evidence is highest that measurement can have a positive impact on healthcare quality.**
- **Scientifically acceptable, so that the measure when implemented will produce consistent (reliable) and credible (valid) results about the quality of care.**
- **Useable and relevant to ensure that intended users — consumers, purchasers, providers, and policy makers — can understand the results of the measure and are likely to find them useful for quality improvement and decision making.**
- **Feasible to collect with data that can be readily available for measurement and retrievable without undue burden**
- **[FUTURE] eMeasure Specifications**



Today's Clinical Domain Discussions

Domain Process

■ Meeting 1

- Outcome: Familiarity with Current Measures
- Review Recommended NQF-Endorsed High Priority Measures
- Introduce High-level Scan Non-Endorsed Measures (AHRQ Database)
- *Homework: Review AHRQ results*

■ Meeting 2

- Outcome: Non-Endorsed Measures Recommendations/Lit Search Question Formation
- Meeting Agenda
 - Review AHRQ Homework
 - Gain Consensus – Are there any non-endorsed measures that can be used?
 - Introduce The Cloudburst Group
 - Develop Questions for the Clinical Literature Search Scan
- *Homework: Receive/read Clinical Literature Search results*

■ Meeting 3

- **Outcome: Select Promising Clinical Research**
- **Discuss Clinical Literature Search Results**
- **Gain Consensus – Is there any promising Clinical Research that can be used**
- **Develop outline for final recommendations**
- ***Homework: Approval final recommendations***



Clinical Domain: TRAUMA

Focus Domain Goals - Trauma

- **Identify the state of evidence to support trauma screening in the PC setting and the state of available clinical quality measures related to trauma**
- **Determine whether there is clear research and data to support the development of a CQM for Trauma**
- **Determine priority next steps for measure development in this domain**

MU CQM Results to date - Trauma

Pre-TEP Activity

- Meaningful Use Stage 1 FR – Trauma: 0
- Meaningful Use Stage 2 NPRM – Trauma: 0
- High Priority Recommended Measures – Trauma: 0

TEP Recommendations

- NQF-endorsed measures – Trauma: 0
- AHRQ library – non-NQF-endorsed – Trauma:
 - Yes - 3
 - Maybe (Other Programs) 1
- **Promising Clinical Research: TODAY'S DISCUSSION**



Environmental Scan: Trauma Clinical Literature Search Results

Literature Search Matrix – Trauma Results

Overview of Results:

- 48 total results divided under 3 broad areas

Executive Summary*:	PTSD/Trauma Exposure (non-Vet)	Good consensus that screening would be useful “Gold standard” is clinician administered, use limited due to length
	Interpersonal Violence (IPV)	No consensus that screening would be useful AAP says IPV screening critical due to impact on children No “gold standard” for screening
	Childhood Violence/PTSD (physical or sexual)	Studies show large proportion of adults in PC settings (20-50%) have histories of child physical or sexual abuse No agreed upon guidelines for screening and no “gold standard” screener

* Summary provided by The Cloudburst Group

Discussion Questions for Matrix Review

- 1. Does the literature in the matrix represent the state of evidence for screening in this field?**
- 2. Does the literature support standardized screening as a whole or in one or more specific area of trauma?**
- 3. Does the literature as a whole or in a specific area support the creation of a CQM for trauma?**
- 4. Looking at the AHRQ non-NQF endorsed measures and the literature provided in the matrix, can priority next steps for the domain of trauma and development of quality measures be defined?**

Clinical Domain: **SUICIDE**

Focus Domain Goals - Suicide

- **Identify what other populations (outside of Major Depression and Bipolar) are at risk for suicide and should be screened and the state of the evidence around these populations**
- **Determine what follow-up/intervention should be included in the response to screening and what structural issues (e.g. chain of command for follow-up) should be addressed with quality measures**
- **Determine priority next steps for measure development in this domain**

MU CQM Results to date - Suicide

Pre-TEP Activity

- Meaningful Use Stage 1 FR – Suicide: 0
- Meaningful Use Stage 2 NPRM – Suicide: 2
- High Priority Recommended Measures – Suicide: 2

TEP Recommendations

- NQF-endorsed measures – Suicide: 2
- AHRQ library – non-NQF-endorsed – Suicide:
 - Yes - 0
 - Maybe (Other Programs) - 1
- **Promising Clinical Research: TODAY'S DISCUSSION**



Environmental Scan: Suicide Clinical Literature Search Results

Literature Search Matrix – Suicide

Overview of Results:

- 51 total results divided under 8 broad categories
- Search look-back was 5 years, with a focus on current, 2011/2012 findings

Executive Summary*:

Suicide Risk (Physician Practice/Training)	Critical barriers: lack of physician training, limited time in PC setting, limited ability to administer screeners, difficulty coordinating f/u with BH Screenings must be brief, valid, easy to score and initiate dialogue
Suicide Risk Assessment	No “gold standard” but multiple studies support PHQ-9 Collaborative Care models presented as effective approach
Depression and Suicide Risk Assessment	Well documented use of PHQ-9 but not definitive since it still does not capture all Suicide risk increases with depression severity but may not be linked to physical illness
Comorbidities and Suicide Risk Assessment	Key focus on MI patients and increased risk for suicide
Substance Use and Suicide Risk Assessment	Focus: Bipolar and Alcohol Use Disorder Need for focus on adolescents who have co-occurring disorders
Elderly and Suicide Risk Assessment	Several tools can accurately identify those at risk Need for increased physician training
US Military/Veterans – PC Suicide Risk Assessment	Half of all service members who died by suicide visited a medical clinic 30 days prior
Youth and Suicide Risk Assessment	PHQ-2 found to high sensitivity Increase focus needed on risk across ethnical and cultural differences

* Summary provided by The Cloudburst Group

Discussion Questions for Matrix Review

- 1. Does the literature in the matrix help determine other populations (outside of Bipolar and Depression) that should be screened for Suicide Risk and provide the evidence needed to support the development of a CQM for these populations?**
- 2. Does the literature talk enough about follow-up/intervention that should be included in the response to screening? Is there enough evidence to support the development of a measure related to follow-up/intervention?**
- 3. Looking at the AHRQ, non-NQF endorsed measures and the literature provided in the matrix, can priority next steps for the domain of suicide and development of one or more quality measures be defined?**



Next Steps/Questions

Next Steps and Questions

- **Weekly Workshops**
 - Wednesdays at 2pm-3pm
- **Next TEP Meeting(Topic: Autism- Meeting #3):**
 - **TBD:** Week of 6/11-15
- **Questions?**



Addenda

eMeasure Titles and Descriptions

NQF	Title	Description
0109 CQAIMH	Bipolar Disorder and Major Depression: Assessment for Manic or Hypomanic Behaviors	Percentage of patients treated for depression who were assessed, prior to treatment, for the presence of current and/or prior manic or hypomanic behaviors.
0110 CQAIMH	Bipolar Disorder and Major Depression: Appraisal for Alcohol or Chemical Substance Use	Percentage of patients with depression or bipolar disorder with evidence of an initial assessment that includes an appraisal for alcohol or chemical substance use
0111 CQAIMH	Bipolar Disorder: Appraisal for Risk of Suicide	Percentage of patients with bipolar disorder with evidence of an initial assessment that includes an appraisal for risk of suicide.
1385 HRSA/ OHSU	Developmental Screening Using a Parent Completed Screening Tool (Parent report, Children 0-5)	The measure assesses whether the parent or caregiver completed a developmental screening tool meant to identify children at-risk for developmental, behavioral and social delays.
0576 NCQA	Follow-Up After Hospitalization for Mental Illness	percentage of discharges for members 6 years of age and older who were hospitalized for treatment of selected mental health disorders and who had an outpatient visit, an Intensive outpatient encounter or partial hospitalization with a mental health practitioner.

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eMeasure Titles and Descriptions (cont.)

NQF	Title	Description
1401 NCQA	Maternal Depression Screening	The percentage of children who turned 6 months of age during the measurement year who had documentation of a maternal depression screening for the mother.
1406 NCQA	Risky Behavior Assessment or Counseling by Age 13	Percentage of children with documentation of a risk assessment or counseling for risky behaviors by the age of 13 Years. Four rates are reported: Risk Assessment or Counseling for Alcohol Use, Risk Assessment or Counseling for Tobacco Use, Risk Assessment or Counseling for Other Substance Abuse, Risk Assessment or Counseling for Sexual Activity
1507 NCQA	Risky Behavior Assessment or Counseling by Age 18	Percentage of children with documentation of assessment or counseling for risky behavior. Four rates are reported: assessment or counseling for alcohol use, tobacco use, other substance use, and sexual activity.
0580	Bipolar Antimanic Agent	Percentage of patients with newly diagnosed bipolar disorder who have received at least 1 prescription for a mood-stabilizing agent during the measurement year.

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eMeasure Titles and Descriptions (cont.)

NQF	Title	Description
TBD TJC 1661	SUB-1 Alcohol Use Screening	Hospitalized patients 18 years of age and older who are screened during the hospital stay using a validated screening questionnaire for unhealthy alcohol use.
TBD TJC 1663	SUB-2 Alcohol Use Brief Intervention Provided or Offered and SUB-2a Alcohol Use Brief Intervention	The measure is reported as an overall rate which includes all hospitalized patients 18 years of age and older to whom a brief intervention was provided, or offered and refused, and a second rate, a subset of the first, which includes only those patients who received a brief intervention.

MU Stage 2 NPRM Proposed BH Measures

Measure Number	Title and Description	Domain
NQF 0004	Title: Initiation and Engagement of Alcohol and Other Drug Dependence Treatment: (a) Initiation, (b) Engagement	Clinical Process/ Effectiveness
NQF 0028	Title: Preventive Care and Screening Measure Pair: a. Tobacco Use Assessment, b. Tobacco Cessation Intervention	Population/ Public Health
NQF 0103	Title: Major Depressive Disorder (MDD): Diagnostic Evaluation	Clinical Process/ Effectiveness
NQF 0104	Title: Major Depressive Disorder (MDD): Suicide Risk Assessment	Clinical Process/ Effectiveness
NQF 0105	Title: Anti-depressant Medication Management: (a) Effective Acute Phase Treatment, (b) Effective Continuation Phase Treatment	Clinical Process/ Effectiveness
NQF 0106	Title: Diagnosis of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) in primary care for school age children and adolescents	Care Coordination
NQF 0107	Title: Management of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) in primary care for school age children and adolescents	Clinical Process/ Effectiveness
NQF 0108	Title: ADHD: Follow-Up Care for Children Prescribed Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) Medication	Clinical Process/ Effectiveness
NQF 0110	Title: Bipolar Disorder and Major Depression: Appraisal for alcohol or chemical substance use	Clinical Process/ Effectiveness
NQF 0112	Title: Bipolar Disorder: Monitoring change in level-of-functioning	Clinical Process/ Effectiveness

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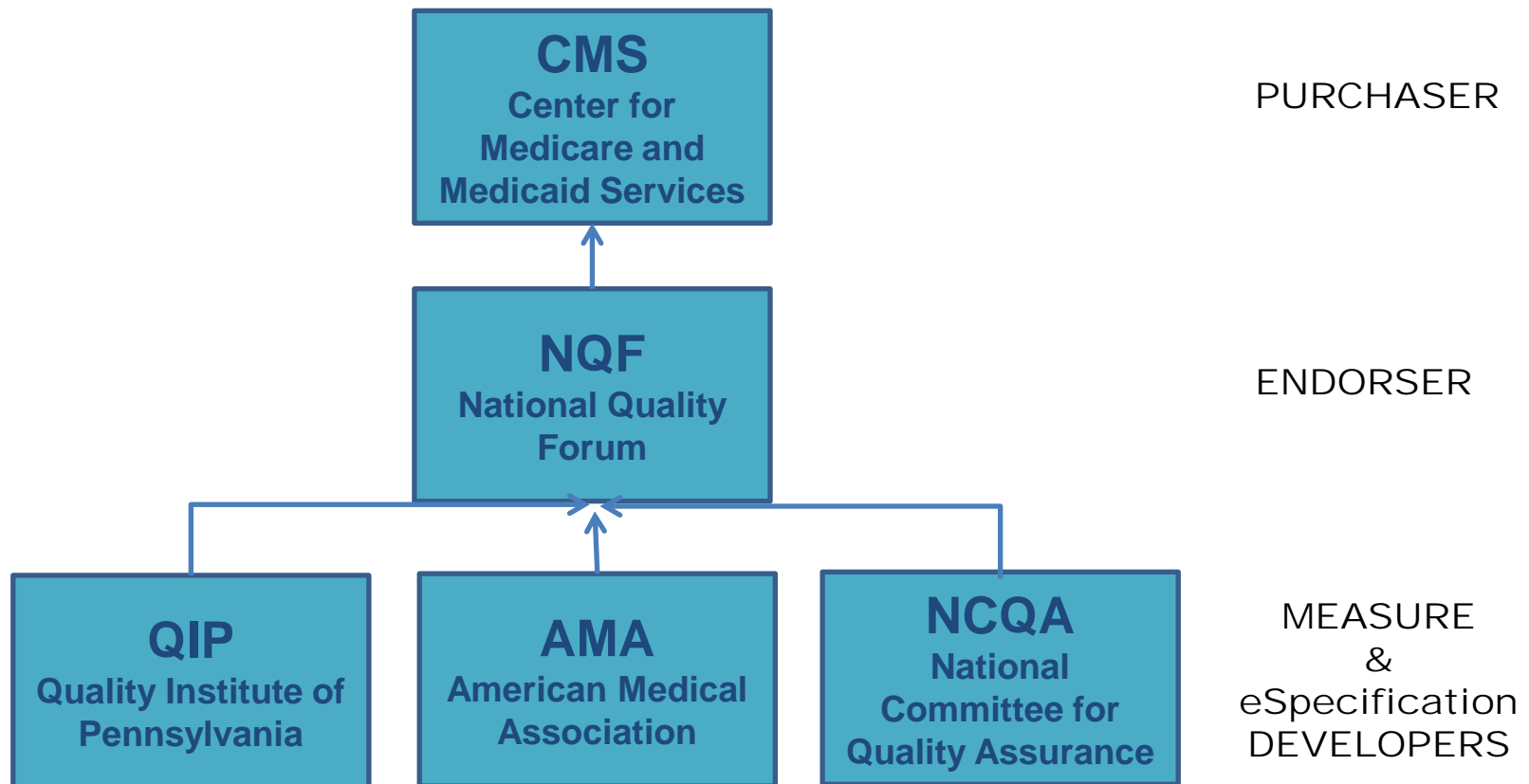
MU Stage 2 NPRM Proposed BH Measures (cont.)

Measure Number	Title and Description	Domain
NQF 0710	Title: Depression Remission at Twelve Months	Clinical Process/ Effectiveness
NQF 0711	Title: Depression Remission at Six Months	Clinical Process/ Effectiveness
NQF 0712	Title: Depression Utilization of the PHQ-9 Tool	Clinical Process/ Effectiveness
NQF 1365	Title: Child and Adolescent Major Depressive Disorder: Suicide Risk Assessment	Patient Safety
NQF 1401	Title: Maternal depression Screening	Population/ Public Health
TBD	Title: Depression screening and follow-up assessment using patient self-reported process	Patient and Family Engagement
TBD	Title: Closing the referral loop: receipt of specialist report	Care Coordination
NQF 0024	Title: Weight Assessment and Counseling for Nutrition and Physical Activity for Children and Adolescents Description	Population/ Public Health
NQF 0421	Title: Adult Weight Screening and Follow-Up Description	Population/Public Health

Definitions

- **Call for Measures:** A public announcement to the healthcare measures development community soliciting specific measures
- **Environmental Scan:** An examination of publically available information to identify references and resources; may be broad or focused
- **Gap Analysis:** Identification of focus areas requiring attention
- **Clinical Research:** Identification of best practice through clinical science
- **Measure Logic Documentation:** Narrative and/or human-readable definitions
- **Measure Testing:** A formal methodology to assure the feasibility, reliability and validity of measures
- **eMeasure Specifications:** Standardized electronic measures that are compatible with or 'readable' by electronic health record (EHR) systems
- **eMeasure Testing:** Process of assuring that the eMeasures Specifications can be optimally utilized by an EHR
- **National Quality Forum (NQF) Endorsement:** Currently the only consensus-based process for assuring standardized clinical measure quality
- **Technical Expert Panel:** Subject Matter Experts engaged to assure the clinical validity of measures
- **Publication:** Making available for public use

CQM Marketplace: Meaningful Use Stage 1 Example



Healthcare Measure Developers

- Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)
- American Heart Association/ American College of Cardiology (AHA/ACC)
- American Medical Association/Physician Consortium for Quality Improvement (AMA/PCPI)
- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)
- National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) *Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS)*
- Oklahoma Foundation for Medical Quality (OFMQ)
- Physician Consortium for Performance Improvement (PCPI) convened by the American Medical Association (AMA)
- The Joint Commission
- Others, including professional medical specialty organizations



Quality Measure Overview

Clinical Quality Measures

“A standard for measuring the performance and improvement of population health or of health plans, providers of services, and other clinicians in the delivery of health care services.”

*Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010,
Title III, Part II of the Act (Sec. 3013)*

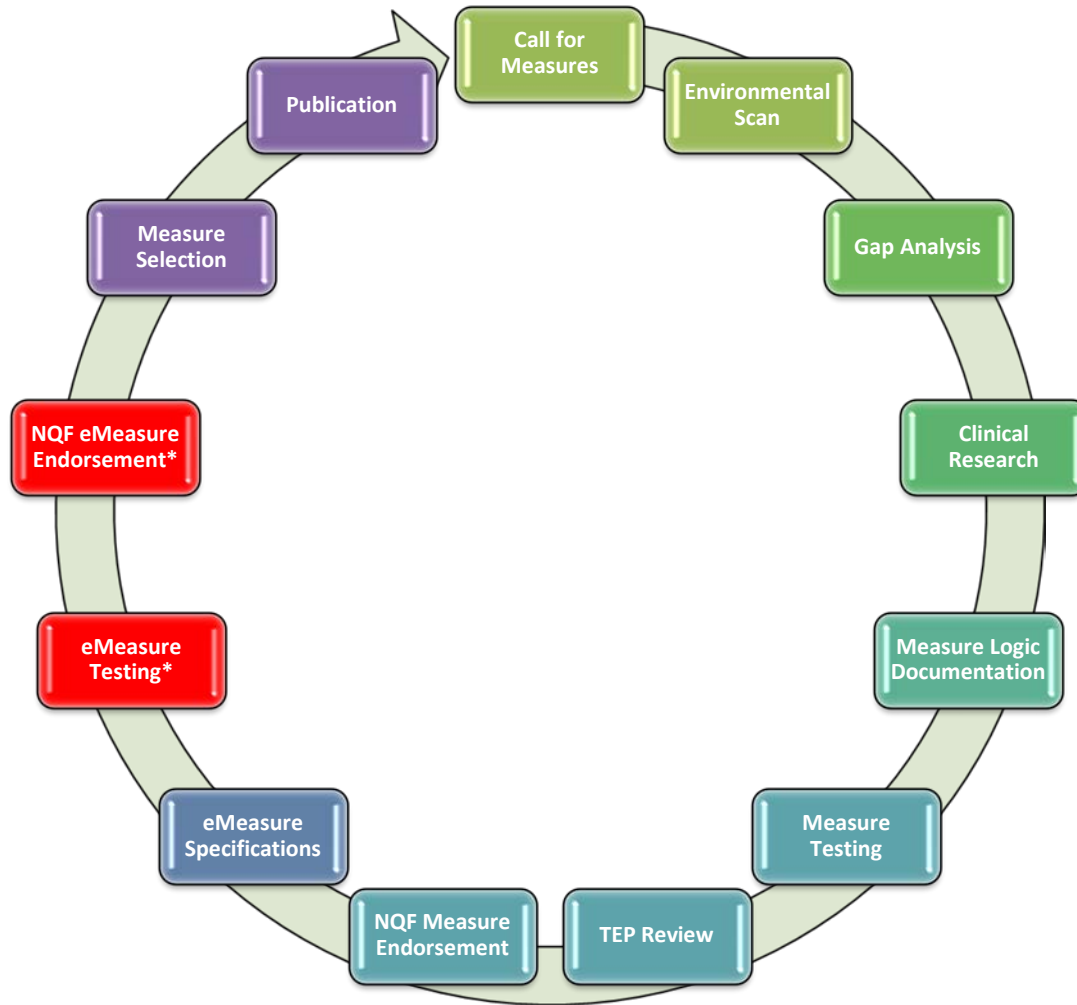
CQM Types

- **Access:** Attainment of timely and appropriate health care.
- **Efficiency:** Cost of care associated with a specified level of quality of care
- **Outcome:** A resulting particular state of health, e.g., controlled diabetes
- **Process:** Actions which increase the probability of achieving a desired outcome, e.g., controlling blood pressure reduces stroke
- **Resource use:** Comparable measures of health services counts (in terms of units or dollars) applied to a population or event
- **Structural:** Measure that focuses on a feature of a health care organization or clinician relevant to its capacity to provide health care
- **Patient Experience:** Patient report concerning observations of and participation in health care

What is a Measure Specification

- **The logic required to calculate the quality measure**
- **Contains**
 - The population criteria and measure logic for the numerator, denominator and exclusion categories.
 - The algorithm used to calculate performance.
- **Format:**
 - Typically human readable PDF with narrative concepts and measure logic
 - Excel spreadsheet with codes
- **An electronic specification (or e-measure) is a means to report clinical quality measures (CQMs) from an electronic health record (EHR)**
 - Includes the data elements, logic and definitions for that measure in a format that can be captured or stored in the EHR so that the data can be sent or shared electronically with other entities in a structured, standardized format, and unaltered.

Measure Development Process



MITRE depiction of combined CMS Blueprint v8 and NQF processes
* Developing industry standard



TRAUMA AHRQ Results

Domain: Trauma Screening

	Measure Review (M= maybe, X=No, Y = yes)	Prioritized Result Summary
1	M	<p><u>Hospital-based inpatient psychiatric services: the percentage of patients admitted to a hospital-based inpatient psychiatric setting who are screened within the first three days of admission for all of the following: risk of violence to self or others, substance use, psychological trauma history and patient strengths.</u> 2010 Dec. [NQMC Update Pending] NQMC:006322 The Joint Commission - Health Care Accreditation Organization</p>
2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><u>Behavioral health: percent of eligible patients screened at required intervals for PTSD.</u> 2010 Oct. NQMC:006012 Veterans Health Administration - Federal Government Agency [U.S.]</p>
3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><u>Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD): percent of Veterans screened positive for PTSD symptoms with the PC-PTSD with disposition.</u> 2010 Oct. NQMC:006055 Veterans Health Administration - Federal Government Agency [U.S.]</p>
4	Y	<p><u>Post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD): percent of patients screened positive for PTSD symptoms with the PC-PTSD with timely disposition.</u> 2010 Oct. NQMC:006054 Veterans Health Administration - Federal Government Agency [U.S.]</p>
5	Y	<p><u>Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD): percent of eligible patients screened at required intervals for PTSD and, if positive PC-PTSD result, who have suicide risk evaluation completed within 24 hours.</u> 2010 Oct. NQMC:006052 Veterans Health Administration - Federal Government Agency [U.S.]</p>

Domain: Trauma (PTSD) – Top Results

	Measure Review (M= maybe, X=No, Y = yes)	Prioritized Result Summary
1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Behavioral health: percent of eligible patients screened annually for depression AND if positive PHQ-2 or PHQ-9 result or affirmative response to Q9 of the PHQ-9 and percent of eligible patients screened at required intervals for PTSD AND if positive PC-PTSD result, have suicide risk evaluation completed within 24 hours.</u> 2010 Oct. NQMC:006013 Veterans Health Administration - Federal Government Agency
2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Domestic violence: percent of adult and adolescent patients assessed who disclosed that they were victims of abuse.</u> 2004 Feb. NQMC:001435 Family Violence Prevention Fund - Nonprofit Organization
3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Domestic violence: percent of adult and adolescent patients seen by a provider who were assessed for intimate partner violence (IPV) during the last year.</u> 2004 Feb. NQMC:001434 Family Violence Prevention Fund - Nonprofit Organization
4	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Domestic violence: percent of adult and adolescent patients who screened negative for current or past intimate partner violence (IPV) but whom the provider is still concerned may be a victim of IPV who were offered information about IPV and referrals.</u> 2004 Feb. NQMC:001736 Family Violence Prevention Fund - Nonprofit Organization
5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Domestic violence: percent of adult and adolescent patients who screened negative for current or past intimate partner violence (IPV) but whom the provider is still concerned may be a victim of IPV whose records include prompts for specific follow-up questions about IPV to occur at the patient's next visit.</u> 2004 Feb. NQMC:001737 Family Violence Prevention Fund - Nonprofit Organization
6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>Domestic violence: percent of adult and adolescent patients who screened positive for current or past intimate partner violence (IPV) and who answered yes to initial danger assessment questions for whom records indicate that a suicide and homicide assessment was conducted.</u> 2004 Feb. NQMC:001734 Family Violence Prevention Fund - Nonprofit Organization

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Domain: Trauma (PTSD) – Top Results Cont.

	Measure Review (M= maybe, X=No, Y = yes)	Prioritized Result Summary
7	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><u>Domestic violence: percent of adult and adolescent patients who screened positive for current or past intimate partner violence (IPV) for whom records indicate that specified assessments were conducted.</u> 2004 Feb. NQMC:001733 Family Violence Prevention Fund - Nonprofit Organization</p>
8	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><u>Domestic violence: percent of adult and adolescent patients who screened positive for current or past intimate partner violence (IPV) for whom records indicate that specified intervention and treatment plans were offered.</u> 2004 Feb. NQMC:001735 Family Violence Prevention Fund - Nonprofit Organization</p>
9	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><u>Domestic violence: percent of providers of health care services to adult and adolescent patients in the clinical setting who documented that they complied with assessment protocols.</u> 2004 Feb. NQMC:001436 Family Violence Prevention Fund - Nonprofit Organization</p>

Domain: Trauma (Adverse Childhood Experiences) – Environmental Scan

Search Criteria: Adverse Childhood Experiences

- 9 results initially identified
 - 0 removed (NQF endorsed)
- Final pool = 9 results for review

Full List of Original Results*

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Domain: Trauma (Adverse Childhood Experiences) – Top Results Cont.

	Measure Review (M= maybe, X=No, Y = yes)	Prioritized Result Summary
7	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><u>Domestic violence: percent of adult and adolescent patients who screened positive for current or past intimate partner violence (IPV) for whom records indicate that specified intervention and treatment plans were offered.</u> 2004 Feb. NQMC:001735 Family Violence Prevention Fund - Nonprofit Organization</p>
8	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><u>Domestic violence: percent of providers of health care services to adult and adolescent patients in the clinical setting who documented that they complied with assessment protocols.</u> 2004 Feb. NQMC:001436 Family Violence Prevention Fund - Nonprofit Organization</p>



SUICIDE AHRQ Results

Domain: Suicide (Suicide Risk Assessment) – Environmental Scan

Search Criteria: Suicide Risk Assessment and Ambulatory

- 30 results initially identified
 - 10 removed (NQF endorsed)
- Final pool = 20 results for review

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Search Criteria: Suicide Risk Assessment and Hospital

- 12 results initially identified
 - 11 already shown on ambulatory scan
- Final pool = 1 results for review

Domain: Suicide (Suicide Risk Assessment/Ambulatory) – Top Results

	Measure Review (M= maybe, X=No, Y = yes)	Prioritized Result Summary
1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p><u>Depression: the percentage of patients diagnosed with unipolar depression who receive an initial assessment that considers the risk of suicide.</u> 2007 Jan. NQMC:003492 STABLE Project National Coordinating Council - Clinical Specialty Collaboration</p>
2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><u>Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD): percent of eligible patients screened at required intervals for PTSD and, if positive PC-PTSD result, who have suicide risk evaluation completed within 24 hours.</u> 2010 Oct. NQMC:006052 Veterans Health Administration - Federal Government Agency [U.S.]</p>
3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><u>Depression: percent of eligible patients screened annually for depression and if positive PHQ-2 or PHQ-9 result or affirmative response to Question 9 of the PHQ-9, who have suicide risk evaluation completed within 24 hours.</u> 2010 Oct. NQMC:006053 Veterans Health Administration - Federal Government Agency [U.S.]</p>
4	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><u>Behavioral health: percent of eligible patients screened annually for depression AND if positive PHQ-2 or PHQ-9 result or affirmative response to Q9 of the PHQ-9 and percent of eligible patients screened at required intervals for PTSD AND if positive PC-PTSD result, have suicide risk evaluation completed within 24 hours.</u> 2010 Oct. NQMC:006013 Veterans Health Administration - Federal Government Agency [U.S.]</p>
5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><u>Domestic violence: percent of adult and adolescent patients who screened positive for current or past intimate partner violence (IPV) and who answered yes to initial danger assessment questions for whom records indicate that a suicide and homicide assessment was conducted.</u> 2004 Feb. NQMC:001734 Family Violence Prevention Fund - Nonprofit Organization</p>
6	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><u>Child and adolescent major depressive disorder: percentage of patients aged 6 through 17 years with a diagnosis of major depressive disorder for whom an antidepressant medication was considered or prescribed during an episode of major depressive disorder.</u> 2008 Sep. NQMC:004440 Physician Consortium for Performance Improvement® - Clinical Specialty Collaboration</p>

Domain: Suicide (Suicide Risk Assessment/Hospitals) – Top Result

	Measure Review (M= maybe, X=No, Y = yes)	Prioritized Result Summary
1	M	<u>Schizophrenia: proportion of hospitalized patients assessed for suicide risk (documented in patient record) at discharge.</u> 2010 May. NQMC:005515 The Danish National Indicator Project - National Government Agency [Non-U.S.]

Domain: Suicide (Suicide Screening) – Environmental Scan

Search Criteria: Suicide Screening and Ambulatory

- 26 results initially identified
 - 10 removed (NQF endorsed)
- Final pool = 16 results for review

Full List of Original Results*

(*includes NQF endorsed measures)

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Search Criteria: Suicide Risk Assessment and Hospital

- 12 results initially identified
 - 12 already shown on ambulatory scan
- Final pool = 0 results for review

Domain: Suicide (Suicide Screening/Ambulatory) – Top Results

	Measure Review (M= maybe, X=No, Y = yes)	Prioritized Result Summary
1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Behavioral health: percent of eligible patients screened annually for depression AND if positive PHQ-2 or PHQ-9 result or affirmative response to Q9 of the PHQ-9 and percent of eligible patients screened at required intervals for PTSD AND if positive PC-PTSD result, have suicide risk evaluation completed within 24 hours.</u> 2010 Oct. NQMC:006013 Veterans Health Administration - Federal Government Agency [U.S.]
2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Depression: percent of eligible patients screened annually for depression and if positive PHQ-2 or PHQ-9 result or affirmative response to Question 9 of the PHQ-9, who have suicide risk evaluation completed within 24 hours.</u> 2010 Oct. NQMC:006053 Veterans Health Administration - Federal Government Agency [U.S.]
3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD): percent of eligible patients screened at required intervals for PTSD and, if positive PC-PTSD result, who have suicide risk evaluation completed within 24 hours.</u> 2010 Oct. NQMC:006052 Veterans Health Administration - Federal Government Agency [U.S.]
4	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Domestic violence: percent of adult and adolescent patients who screened positive for current or past intimate partner violence (IPV) and who answered yes to initial danger assessment questions for whom records indicate that a suicide and homicide assessment was conducted.</u> 2004 Feb. NQMC:001734 Family Violence Prevention Fund - Nonprofit Organization
5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Depression: the percentage of patients diagnosed with unipolar depression who receive an initial assessment that considers the risk of suicide.</u> 2007 Jan. NQMC:003492 STABLE Project National Coordinating Council - Clinical Specialty Collaboration