

THE AMERICAN GERIATRICS SOCIETY · COMMENTS TO THE NATIONAL QUALITY FORUM
COORDINATION STRATEGY FOR CLINICIAN PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT · PUBLIC COMMENT
MEASURE APPLICATIONS PARTNERSHIP (MAP) · SEPTEMBER 12, 2011

The American Geriatrics Society (AGS) is the nation's largest membership association of geriatrics healthcare professionals, with nearly 6,000 members. We, and our members, are dedicated to improving the health, independence and quality of life of older people through initiatives in clinical practice, professional and public education, research, and public policy advocacy.

AGS appreciates this opportunity for comment, and have provided our feedback below.

Care Coordination Strategy for Clinician Performance Measurement Set

“Characteristics of an Ideal Measure Set: Measure Sets Should Include Appropriate Representation Among Different Types of Measures: Outcome, Process, Structure, Experience and Cost Measures”
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In regards to the seven “Characteristics of an Ideal Measure Set,” which NQF has identified to encourage alignment across federal programs and between public and private-sector programs, we believe it would be helpful to insert language about function and cognition. For example, Principle 4 states, *Measure Sets Should Include Appropriate Representation Among Different Types of Measures: Outcome, Process, Structure, Experience and Cost Measures*. AGS recommends that function and cognition be considered as additional types of measures, as they are critical outcomes that would likely benefit older populations, especially those that are vulnerable and suffer from multiple chronic conditions. While we recognize that these measures are not routinely collected, and therefore may not be necessary, we ask that NQF take into account our nation’s ever-growing older adult population and consider functional and cognition measures as important additions.

If you have any questions or would like to follow-up with AGS regarding these comments, please contact Susie Sherman, Coordinator of Public Affairs & Advocacy at ssherman@americangeriatrics.org or 212.822.3576.