National Quality Registry Network Overview

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Information current as of July 2014
Registries...

**Are**
- Databases designed to capture rich, clinical data that matter to health care practitioners, providers and patients

**Are not**
- An electronic health record
- A billing system

**Can**
- Benchmark and monitor quality improvement activities
- Evaluate if patients are receiving recommended treatments
- Compare the effectiveness of different treatments and procedures
- Support clinical trials
- Monitor the safety of drugs and devices
- Collect information reported by patients about their health status and care
- Identify knowledge gaps to support education
- Support accreditation, certification and licensing
- Provide information to adjust payment

Registries can give patients, health care professionals, providers and payers the information they need to make better choices!
How many societies are supporting registries?

A recent inventory of society registries found that 55 organizations currently support 91 registries.

Source: NQRN National Clinical Registry Inventory, July 2014

*some registries cover multiple types
What is the National Quality Registry Network?

Goal
Increase the uses and usefulness of registries

Objectives
• Establish and disseminate leading practices for registries
• Advocate for and support a learning network to accelerate national progress on registry development, growth and use
• Develop resources for the clinical registry industry

A voluntary network of organizations operating registries and others interested in increasing the usefulness of clinical registries to measure and improve patient health outcomes
More than 60 organizations participate in the NQRN Council

- Organizations creating or supporting registries
- Health care provider organizations
- Health plans and employers
- Organizations representing consumers
- Informaticists
- Quality improvement and performance measurement organizations
- Federal government

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Council
Functions Supported by Registries

Today
• Quality improvement: local, regional and national
• Data-driven guidelines
• Measure development
• Performance reporting
• CME and MOC
• Patient education
• Research

Moving Toward...
• Public reporting
• Providing data for payment models
• Patient-centered evaluation
• Population health management
• Data linking

Increasing the uses and usefulness of registries, guided by NQRN activities and resources
NQRN work to date and what’s next

2012
- U.S. Registry Landscape Evaluation
- Leading practices webinars initiated

2013
- Leading practices webinars: “Behind the scenes at the National Cardiovascular Data Registry (NCDR),” “The quality oncology practice initiative”
- Maturational Framework developed including multi-stakeholder meeting
- Resources: Inventory of U.S. National Clinical Registries, Qualified Clinical Data Registry (QCDR) tip sheet

2014 to date
- Leading practices webinars: Registry vendor selection, recruitment, registry data security
- Website
- 1st Annual NQRN Participant Meeting
- Collaboration portal
- Resources: Registry vendor assessment, What is a Clinical Data Registry?, public version of the maturational framework, clinical registry FAQ

New initiatives and resources are always under development. Stay tuned for more information on these exciting projects!
How can you get involved?

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