

March 4, 2014

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Dear Dr. Saigal:

It is my pleasure to invite you to serve as a member of the National Quality Forum's (NQF's) Surgery Steering Committee for the Surgery Measure Endorsement and Maintenance project. Please note your selection is considered provisional pending a 14-day NQF member and public comment period on the proposed roster. Once the comment period closes, the final committee roster will be posted on the NQF website.

The goal of this project is to identify and endorse new performance measures for accountability and quality improvement that specifically address surgical care processes, including cardiac, thoracic, vascular, orthopedic, neurosurgery, and general surgery. For more details, visit the project website.

ABOUT THE COMMITTEE. The full <u>Steering Committee roster</u> will be available on our project website March 5, 2014.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST. In accordance with NQF's conflict of interest policy, all steering committee members must complete a conflict of interest disclosure statement. You may be asked to disclose certain items from your disclosure statement in open session at the beginning of the project and update this form on an as-need basis. Disclosure of an interest or activity on the disclosure form does not necessarily mean that you have a conflict of interest in connection with the Committee's work.

Reva Winkler is responsible for directing this project. If you have any questions, please contact her at 202-783-1300 or rwinkler@qualityforum.org.

I appreciate your willingness to serving on this important committee.

Sincerely,

Christine K. Cassel, MD President and CEO