ECQI RESOURCE CENTER USER GROUP

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ECQI RESOURCE CENTER USER GROUP AGENDA

- Welcome
- Who are we today?
- Review of Recently Live Enhancements and Key Content
- Targeted Discussion
- Open Discussion
- Next Steps

SUBMITTING FEEDBACK DURING THE USER GROUP

- Recording for note taking purposes only

- Polling Feature:
  - Open the Chat feature ⬯ on the Teams menu
  - Look for the LIVE Poll the chat box (you will need to scroll down for the second poll)
  - Select your responses on the radio buttons

- General feedback:
  - Use the chat feature at anytime to provide input

POLL 1 – USER GROUP MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

- Please respond to the poll in the polling feature
- Select the user type you most identify with:
    - CDS Developer/Steward/Implementer 2%
    - eCQM Implementer or quality professional working with Eligible Hospital and Critical Access Hospital 23%
    - eCQM Implementer or quality professional working with Eligible Clinician 15%
    - eCQM Implementer or quality professional working with Eligible Hospital, CAH and Clinician 26%
    - Health IT Developer/Vendor 13%
    - Measure Developer/Measure Steward 12%
    - Other 9%

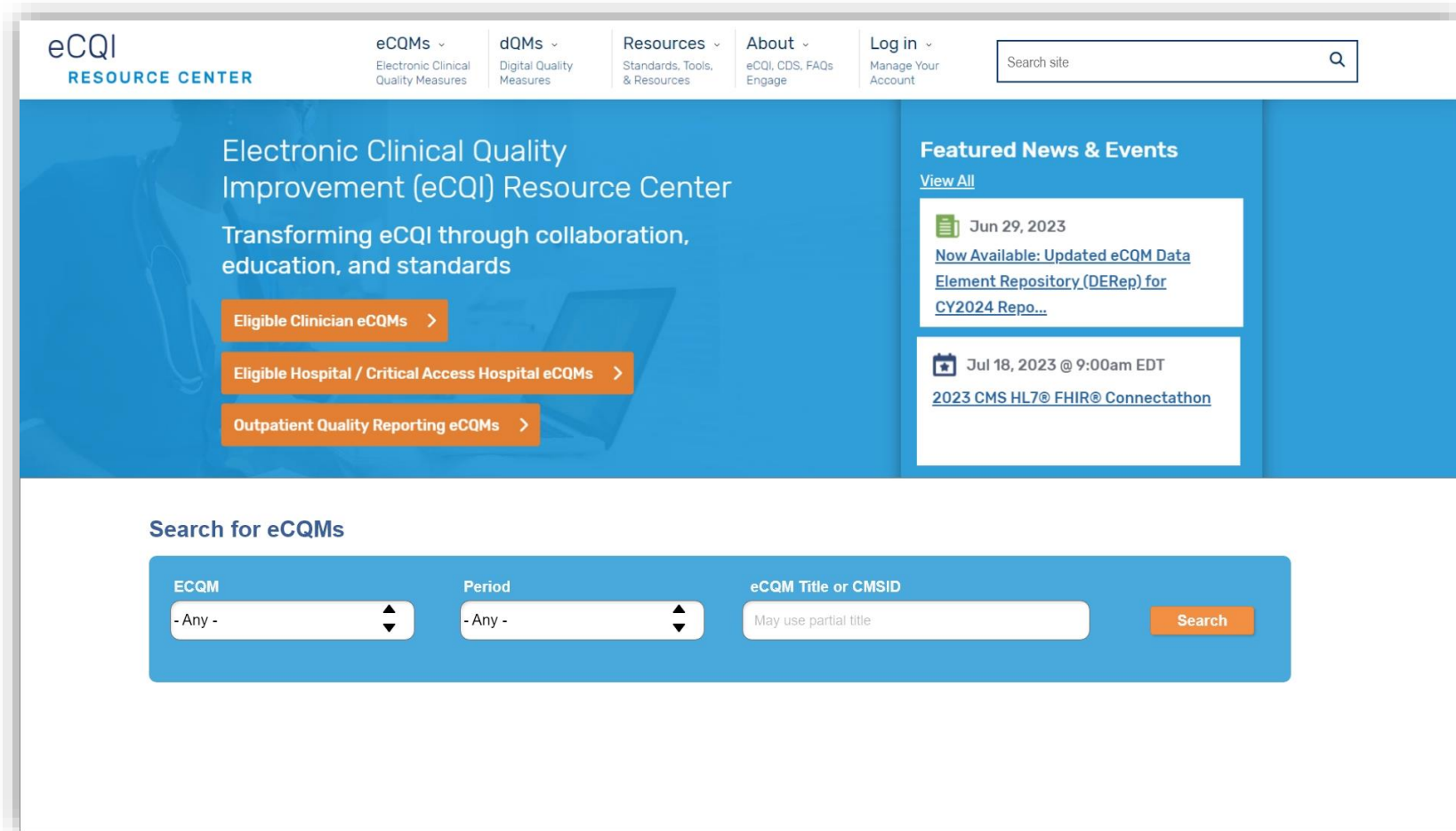# DEMONSTRATIONS OF NEW ENHANCEMENTS AND CONTENT

- QRDA III Implementation Guide https://ecqi.healthit.gov/qrda

- eCQM DERep https://ecqi.healthit.gov/mc-workspace-2/data-element-repository

- Homepage Search https://ecqi.healthit.gov
  - Filters
  - Short Names
  - Placeholder text

- Homepage News Pager – retain for 30 days and then archive https://ecqi.healthit.gov

- eCQM pages landing on eCQM tables https://ecqi.healthit.gov/ep-ec?qt-tabs_ep=1&globalyearfilter=2023&global_measure_group=3716

TARGETED DISCUSSION

HOMEPAGE SEARCH HIGHLIGHTED

MEASURE SPEC DOWNLOAD - ZIP

MEASURE SPEC DOWNLOAD - HTML

POLL - Zip or HTML

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MEASURE SPEC DOWNLOAD - FEEDBACK

- Poll: Measure Spec Download - Would you prefer HTML or ZIP?
  - 52 responses
  - HTML – 36%
  - ZIP – 63%

- Chat:
  - Can you have them in both places? (eCQM table and individual specification page?) Yes

- Comments:
  - Great change!
  - This is great!
  - This is a great change

INDIVIDUAL MEASURE SPECIFICATION - ECQM FLOWS

POLL - Beneficial Y/N

INDIVIDUAL MEASURE SPECIFICATION PAGE - ECQM FLOWS - FEEDBACK

- Poll: Individual Measure Spec page - add Flows
  - 41 responses
  - Yes – 87%
  - No – 12%
- Comments
  - Super valuable to have under specifications

MEASURE COLLABORATION WORKSPACE

Measure Collaboration (MC) Workspace

About | eCQM Concepts | eCQM Testing Opportunities | eCQM Data Element Repository

MC Workspace

The MC Workspace brings together a set of interconnected resources, tools, and processes to promote transparency and better interaction across stakeholder communities that develop, implement, and report electronic clinical quality measures (eCQMs).

- Suggest new eCQM concepts
- Offer comments on suggested eCQM concepts
- Check the CMS Measures Inventory for similar measures

- Find eCQM data elements
- Associate eCQM data elements with eCQMs
- Find links to value sets and direct reference codes

- Announce opportunities to test eCQMs
- Find opportunities to volunteer to test eCQMs

MC Workspace Components

The MC Workspace is comprised of three modules to assist clinicians, eCQM developers, implementers, and submitters during the entire eCQM Lifecycle, from initial measure concept, through development, implementation, and reporting to CMS. Goals of the MC Workspace are to

- Provide detailed data element definitions to support implementation
- Achieve harmonization across measures, data elements, and value sets
- Improve alignment of measure concepts with clinical need and newly published guidelines

eCQM Concepts

The eCQM Concepts module provides users the ability to comment on eCQM concepts suggested by others, suggest new eCQM concepts, and find links to sources to identify whether similar eCQMs exist. User feedback can help guide a measure developer to refine a concept and purpose of a new eCQM to better meet the needs of those interested in quality measurement. Visit the eCQM Concepts module.

eCQM Testing Opportunities

The eCQM Testing Opportunities module provides stakeholders with available opportunities to participate in eCQM testing. Measure developers use testing for a variety of reasons throughout the Measure Lifecycle. Visit the eCQM Testing Opportunity module.

MC Workspace Education

Featured Research Resources

Browse these featured links to identify whether a similar measure concept exists or to get more information about CMS measures:

- CMS Measures Inventory Tool (CMIT) ↗
- Meaningful Measures Initiative ↗
- Pre-rulemaking and Measures Under Consideration (MUC) ↗
- Pre-rulemaking eCQMs for Eligible Hospitals/Critical Access Hospitals
- Pre-rulemaking eCQMs for Eligible Clinicians

Use the MC Workspace to support the eCQM Lifecycle
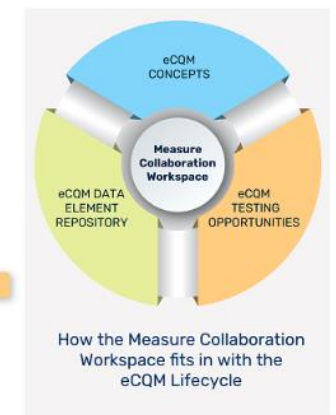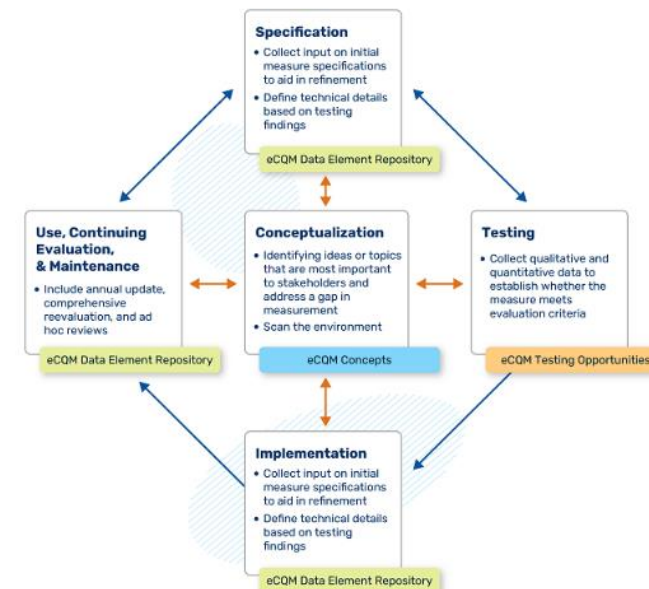
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MC WORKSPACE - CONCEPTS

https://ecqi.healthit.gov/mc-workspace-2/ecqm-concepts

MC WORKSPACE - CONCEPTS

- Gives users the ability to:
  - Search for eCQM concepts suggested by others
  - Comment on those suggested eCQM concepts
  - Submit new eCQM concepts, describe the population(s), and assign a care setting
  - Check hyperlinks to the CMS Measures Inventory Tool (CMIT) and the Partnership for Quality Measurement (PQM) Submission Tool and Repository (STAR) Measure Database to help identify whether similar eCQMs already exist
- Feedback provided through the eCQM Concepts Module can help guide an eCQM developer to refine the concept and purpose behind a new eCQMs.

MC WORKSPACE – CONCEPTS - DISCUSSION

- POLL - If this module was populated with proposed new concepts, would it be beneficial to you? Y/N
  - 40 responses
  - Yes 95%
  - No 5%

- Were you aware of the MC Workspace concepts module?
  - No
  - Was not aware
  - Not aware
  - Wasn't aware of it
  - I was not aware; both for review and proposal
  - I am not interested in knowing about new measures in development for the future
  - Proposing measures is within my role
  - I believe I had noticed it before but didn't really take time to review what was there but will be more interested now
  - Unaware of that, but like the idea of it

MC WORKSPACE – CONCEPTS - DISCUSSION

- Where do you go to look for and review new measure concepts?
  - CMS and Fed Register
  - Payer data on what they are requesting for value-based care, etc.
  - CMS CMIT
  - NCQA measures
  - I don't go at all; I just work on what's already required
  - CMS MUC list
  - Received an email back in the spring about MUC so did check that out when I received it
  - CMS proposed rule and MUC
  - Quality Net email notifications on upcoming measures

MC WORKSPACE – CONCEPTS - DISCUSSION

- General Comment:
  - Sounds more like new ideas for measures. A measure concept could have been like "initial population concept", denominator exception concept, stratification concept. The name "ecqm concepts" did not resonate with me as a place to look for and propose new measure ideas.

MC WORKSPACE – TESTING OPPORTUNITIES

Measure Collaboration (MC) Workspace

About | eCQM Concepts | **eCQM Testing Opportunities** | eCQM Data Element Repository

Electronic Clinical Quality Measure (eCQM) Testing Opportunities

The eCQM Testing Opportunity module provides stakeholders with available opportunities to participate in eCQM testing. Measure developers use testing for a variety of reasons throughout the Measure Lifecycle. They need pilot sites to

- assess measure feasibility
- determine the extent to which the required data elements are available and retrievable in the electronic health record/health information technology
- determine the extent to which measured entities can implement without undue burden for performance measurement
- assess measure reliability
- assess measure validity
- reassess after updating specifications
- assess measure usefulness

Are you a stakeholder interested in testing eCQMs?

There are several potential benefits:

- Test site staff will gain insight into quality measurement that could help your organization refine its internal efforts to improve quality.
- Test site staff will help provide insight for a measure that CMS may use in its quality reporting programs.
- Test sites may receive an incentive.

*There are no testing opportunities currently available. Please check back.

Are you a measure developer looking to announce eCQM testing opportunities?

Complete the testing announcement template and send to ecqi-resource-center@hhs.gov.

See the MC Workspace User Guide (PDF) to learn more about how to use the MC Workspace eCQM Testing Opportunities Module.

https://ecqi.healthit.gov/mc-workspace-2/testing-opportunities

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MC WORKSPACE – TESTING OPPORTUNITIES - DISCUSSION

The eCQM Testing Opportunity module provides stakeholders with available opportunities to participate in eCQM testing.

- POLL - If this module was populated with testing opportunities, would it be beneficial to you? Y/N
  - 33 responses
  - Yes – 78%
  - No – 21%
  - Comments:
    - Depends on the burden
    - Is this similar to the PC-8 testing we are currently doing?

USER GROUP FREQUENCY

CMS and the eCQI Resource Center team are considering changing the frequency of the eCQI Resource User Group meeting.

POLL - Would you to prefer the group to meet:

- 41 responses
- Every other month 46%
- Quarterly 53%

OPEN DISCUSSION

If you have a question about the measure for eCQM who do you reach out to?
eCQM specific questions can be asked in the ONC Jira project- [eCQM Issue Tracker - Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (healthit.gov)](healthit.gov)

Are there education modules or videos for someone new to eCQMs to better understand them as a whole?
Yes, reviewed the Get Started with eCQM pages, education pages, and standards pages.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Additional Comments:
    Thank You!
    Thank you for this!
    Very helpful
    Thank you
    Good presentation
    Thank you
    Thank you
    Thank you

ECQI RESOURCE CENTER USER GROUP NEXT STEPS

- Send feedback and suggestions for site improvement to ecqi-resource-center@hhs.gov

- Attend the next eCQI Resource Center User Group Meeting: **TBD**

- Add meeting series to your calendar: https://ecqi.healthit.gov/events/3386

- Review past meeting notes on the eCQI Resource Center User Group page

APPENDIX

ECQI RESOURCE CENTER USER GROUP MEMBERSHIP

- Volunteer forum of stakeholders who use the electronic clinical quality improvement (eCQI) Resource Center to obtain key resources necessary for electronic clinical quality measure (eCQM) development, implementation, and reporting and education about eCQM and eCQI concepts and standards.

ECQI RESOURCE CENTER USER GROUP GOAL

- Provide broad stakeholder input in the development and maintenance of the eCQI Resource Center's functionality and content to support the eCQI community.
  - Identify, discuss, and review the needs of the eCQI implementer community.
  - The outcome of discussions will result in suggested enhancements to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) eCQI Resource Center COR for approval.
  - Approved suggestions for enhancements will result in implementation on the eCQI Resource Center, deeper investigation at eCQI Resource Center focus groups, and/or be placed on the eCQI Resource Center backlog suggestion list.

ECQI RESOURCE CENTER USER GROUP OBJECTIVES

- Focus on the implementer community including the usability of and gaps in resources provided

- Inform users of new functionality and content

- Gather real-world feasibility and community feedback on proposed eCQI Resource Center enhancements and features

- Provide eCQI Resource Center focus group opportunities

- Prioritize items for in depth discussion during eCQI Resource Center focus groups

- Advance CMS's understanding of implementer needs for Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources® eCQMs

- Understand the needs of the eCQI community