



## **'Planning a National Nursing Quality and Safety Alliance' Alliance Mission Statements**

### **Alliance for Pediatric Quality (APQ)**

The Alliance exists for the benefit of children and families. Through leadership, alignment and collaboration, the Alliance partners will take action to:

- improve the quality of care for children by promoting effective, systematic efforts to improve children's health care.
- ensure that health information technology works for children by developing standards that incorporate pediatric requirements and advocating for HIT that enables systematic improvement.

### **AQA (formerly Ambulatory Quality Alliance)**

The mission of this effort, a large voluntary multi-stakeholder collaborative of physicians, consumers, purchasers, health insurance plans and others, is to:

improve patient safety, health care quality and value in all settings through a collaborative process in which key stakeholders agree on and promote strategies to:

- implement performance measurement at the physician and other clinician or group level;
- collect and aggregate data in the most appropriate way; and
- report meaningful information to consumers, physicians and other clinicians, and other stakeholders to inform decision-making and improve outcomes.

### **Cancer Quality Alliance (CQA)**

The Cancer Quality Alliance fosters collaboration among diverse stakeholders to improve cancer care quality. By encouraging the sharing and implementation of measures, tools, and practical programs to improve quality, the Alliance seeks to become a national voice for the quality of cancer care.

### **Hospital Quality Alliance (HQA)**

The Hospital Quality Alliance facilitates continuous improvement in patient care through:

- Implementing measures that portray the quality, cost and value of hospital care;
- Developing and using measure reporting in the nation's hospitals; and
- Sharing useful hospital performance information with the public.

### **Kidney Care Partners/Kidney Care Quality Alliance (KCQA)**

Members of the kidney care community have formed an alliance -- Kidney Care Partners. Their goal is to involve patient advocates, care professionals, providers and manufacturers. Their mission, individually and collectively, is to ensure:

- Chronic kidney disease patients receive optimal care;
- Chronic kidney disease patients are able to live quality lives;
- Dialysis care is readily accessible to all those in need; and
- Research and development leads to enhanced therapies and innovative products.

### **Long Term Care Quality Alliance (LTCQA)**

*NOTE: Alliance is under development; no mission statement has been formalized.*

The primary goal of the LTCQA will be to support improvements in care quality centered on individuals who need long-term and post-acute care and supportive services regardless of setting.

### **Pharmacy Quality Alliance (PQA)**

The Mission of the PQA is to:

Improve health care quality and patient safety through a collaborative process in which key stakeholders agree on a strategy for measuring performance at the pharmacy and pharmacist-levels; collecting data in the least burdensome way; and reporting meaningful information to consumers, pharmacists, employers, health insurance plans, and other healthcare decision-makers to help make informed choices, improve outcomes and stimulate the development of new payment models.

### **Quality Alliance Steering Committee (QASC)**

The vision of QASC is to advance high-quality, cost-effective, patient-centered health care through the coordination of the various groups that are working to promote public reporting of health care provider information for:

- improvement directly by providers;
- consumer decision-making; and
- effective policies, payment policies and consumer incentives that reward or foster better provider performance.

### **Surgical Quality Alliance (SQA)**

The mission of the surgical quality alliance is to bring surgical specialties and anesthesiology together to define the principles of surgical patient quality measurement and develop awareness among interested parties about issues related to surgical care and quality in all surgical settings.