

Technical Expert Panel (TEP) Membership List

Project Title: Dialysis Facility Quality of Patient Care Star Rating Technical Expert Panel (TEP)

Project Overview:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) contracted with The University of Michigan Kidney Epidemiology and Cost Center (UM-KECC) to act as the quality measure developer and technical content support contractor for Dialysis Facility Care Compare (DFCC) on Medicare.gov. The contract name is Kidney Disease Quality Measure Development, Maintenance, and Support. The contract number is 75FCMC18D0041 and the task order number is 75FCMC23F0001. As part of its measure development process, UM-KECC convenes technical expert panels (TEPs) to obtain consumer and provider input for quality measure development and the Medicare.gov Dialysis Facility Quality of Patient Care Star Rating (Star Rating). We seek nominations from individuals with relevant clinical and methodological experience, expertise, and perspectives, including patients with chronic dialysis experience to serve on this TEP.

A Star Rating TEP was first convened in 2015 to review the original methodology and presentation of the Star Rating on the Medicare.gov website. The TEP provided several recommendations that were implemented in the updated Star Rating methodology, released in October 2016. A second TEP was convened in 2017. TEP members provided recommendations on candidate measures proposed for inclusion in the Star Rating and defined concepts such as rebaselining and resetting. A third TEP was convened in 2019 to provide recommendations on options for resetting the Star Rating and reweighting one of the quality domains in the calculation of the Star Rating. A fourth TEP was convened in 2022 to obtain recommendations related to the first public release of the Star Rating since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic public health emergency. See the respective 2015, 2017, 2019, and 2022 Star Rating TEP reports for a summary of the deliberations and TEP recommendations, available at:

<https://dialysisdata.org/content/esrd-measures>

As part of CMS' broader initiative for Care Compare on Medicare.gov, CMS developed the Star Rating to make quality information more accessible to patients, caregivers, providers and policymakers and to help consumers (including patients and caregivers) understand CMS quality measures and more easily identify differences in overall quality when selecting dialysis facilities. The Medicare.gov website displays two different Star Rating: (1) the Quality of Patient Care Star Rating (Star Rating) and (2) the Survey of Patients' Experiences Star Rating. Eleven of the quality measures currently reported on the Medicare.gov website are used to calculate the Quality of Patient Care Star Rating (Star Rating). The discussion focus for the upcoming TEP will be on the Quality of Patient Care Star Rating. The Survey of Patients' Experiences Star Rating will not be covered as a discussion topic during this TEP. Broadly, the TEP will be expected to review and provide input on options and considerations for updating and public reporting of the Star Rating. These considerations fall under two categories:

- (1) Reviewing Star Rating distribution trends to determine if resetting and/or rebaselining in the next release is necessary.

- (2) Evaluating candidate quality measures for possible addition or removal to the Star Rating based on clinical/public health importance.

The TEP will be chosen to represent a diversity of perspectives and backgrounds. Members will be selected based on their personal experience as patients, caregivers and providers, or based on methodological expertise. Our intent is to ensure the TEP will have ample representation from patients and patient advocates to allow fair representation of their perspectives.

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We have selected these individuals and they have agreed to serve as the TEP for this project:

Name, Credentials, Professional Role*	Organizational Affiliation, City, State*	Consumer/ Patient/ Family/ Caregiver Perspective*	Subject Matter Expert	Methodological Expert	Quality Improvement Expert	Healthcare Disparities Expert	Other	Conflict of Interest Disclosure*
Paul T. Conway, BA Patient Advocate Chair, Policy and Global Affairs, Immediate Past President	American Association of Kidney Patients, Falls Church, VA	Yes	Yes					None reported
Francesca Tentori, MD Outcomes Research & Patient Empowerment	DaVita Kidney Care, Denver, CO		Yes		Yes			Employed by DaVita Kidney Care
Quiana L. Bishop President, Board of Directors	Dialysis Patient Citizens, Detroit, MI	Yes			Yes			None reported
Lorien S. Dalrymple, MD, MPH Senior Vice President, Head of Population Health and Medicine, Global Medical Office	Fresenius Medical Care, Waltham, MA		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Employee of and owns share options/stock in Fresenius Medical Care
Candria (Candee) Denzmore Patient Advocate, Kidney Transplant Recipient	Granite City, IL	Yes						None reported
Brittany Dickerson The Training Academy and Certified Coaches Alliance, Life Purpose Coach and Kidney Health Advocate	Columbia, SC	Yes				Yes		None reported
Mary Dittrich, MD, FASN Nephrologist, Chief Medical Officer	US Renal Care, Satellite Healthcare, Boise, ID		Yes		Yes			Shareholder and CMO of US Renal Care
Stephanie Dixon Patient Advocate	Kidney Patient Advisory Council, Rutherford, NJ	Yes	Yes		Yes			None reported
Christina Gilchrist Patient	Roy, UT	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		None reported

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Michael Gilchrist Care Partner	Roy, UT	Yes			Yes	Yes		None reported
Debra Hain, PhD, APRN, AGPCNP-BC, PMHNP-BC, CNN- NP Executive Team Member and Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner for ActivateCR (providing mental health care for persons with CKD and ESKD) Professor (tenured), Florida Atlantic University, Christine E Lynn College of Nursing	ActivateCR, Herriman, UT		Yes		Yes	Yes		None reported
Shekeila Harris, LPN, MBA, CALA Patient Advocate, Board of Directors	Dialysis Patient Citizens, Vineland, NJ	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		None reported
David Henner, DO Division Chief of Nephrology/Medical Director of Dialysis, Berkshire Medical Center Medical Director of Dialysis, Southwestern Vermont Medical Center Past President, National Forum of ESRD Networks	Berkshire Medical Center, Pittsfield, MA							None reported
Donna M Hoffman Dialysis Patient	Glen Allen, VA	Yes						None reported
Donald Morgan Transplant Patient, Patient Advocate Coordinator	ESRD Network 16, Hayden, ID	Yes	Yes		Yes			None reported

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José Navarrete, MD Associate Professor of Medicine, Emory University School of Medicine, Division of Renal Medicine, Nephrology Section Chief-EUHM, Medical Director- Dialysis Services EHC	Emory University, Atlanta, GA		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		None reported
Jesse Roach, MD Senior Vice President, Government Relations	National Kidney Foundation, Washington, DC		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		None reported
Janice Starling, MBA Network 7 Patient Expert, AAKP Ambassador, Kidney Patient Advocate, National Kidney Foundation Ambassador	Kidney Patient Advisory Council, St. Petersburg, FL	Yes			Yes	Yes		None reported
Cheryl (Cher) Thomas, RDH Patient	Renal Support Network, Galveston, TX	Yes	Yes			Yes		None reported
Curtis Warfield, MS Patient Health Advocate	National Kidney Foundation, KHI - Patient and Family Partnership Council, Indianapolis, IN	Yes			Yes	Yes		None reported