

## AQI's new NACOR data submission portal

All National Anesthesia Clinical Outcomes Registry (NACOR) participants and vendors must upload complete (merged and formatted) data files to AQI's new data submission process through ePreop. Your practice/vendor should have received email instructions on July 7 with your new FTP account information.

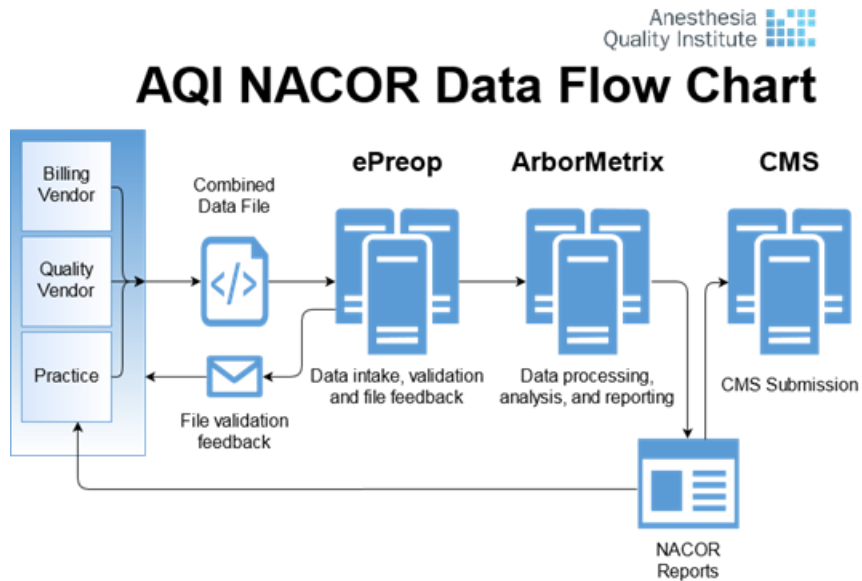
The AQI NACOR data flow chart below illustrates the individual roles.

### ePreop

- Data intake
- Data validation
- Data file feedback reports

### ArborMetrix

- Data processing
- Data analysis and reporting
- Data submission to CMS



For assistance with ftp login credentials, file upload and file feedback reports, email [nacorsupport@arbormetrix.com](mailto:nacorsupport@arbormetrix.com). The email is **not a confirmation of your enrollment in 2017 NACOR Quality Reporting**. To sign up for quality reporting, complete the new [online order form](#).

## Preventing common data file errors

Since the transition to the new data submission portal with ePreop, AQI has identified the following common errors that result in data files failing validation:

### 1. File Naming Convention

The following identifiers are **required** for proper formatting:

- PID – Your AQI Practice ID number must have a minimum of three characters. If your practice ID is less than three characters, use 0 to complete the file name.
- .xml – This is the file extension

The following additional identifiers are **recommended**:

- Practice name (or abbreviation)

- d. DOSSTART – The first date of service in your data file
- e. DOSEND – The last date of service in your data file

**A complete example using both required and recommended elements:** Practice  
NAME\_PID(AQI ID #)\_DOSSTART(20170701)\_DOSEND(20170731).xml

## 2. Using the 2017 NACOR XML Specifications

- a. **2017 Specifications** – AQI posted updated [NACOR XML Specifications](#) for data submissions in 2017. The 2016 NACOR XML specifications will no longer validate. Please review [changes to the schema](#) for the complete list of updates.
- b. **Email Set** – Email Set was added to the 2017 schema. If you receive this error message you need to add the following to your data file:
  - i. Last name
  - ii. First name
  - iii. Email address

For more information, review the [NACOR Data Submission Guide](#). If you have questions, email [nacorsupport@arbormetrix.com](mailto:nacorsupport@arbormetrix.com).

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