



NACOR Vendor News

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AQI's new NACOR data submission portal

All NACOR participants and vendors must upload complete (merged and formatted) data files to AQI's new data submission process through ePreop.

Your practice/vendor received email instructions with new FTP account information. For assistance with FTP login credentials, file upload and file feedback reports, email nacorsupport@arbormetrix.com. The email is **not a confirmation of your enrollment in 2017 NACOR Quality Reporting**.

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:

- a. 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.
- b. .xml – This is the file extension

The following additional identifiers are **recommended**:

- c. 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

Example: ASA Anesthesia_PID(001)_DOSSTART(20170801)_DOSEND(20170831).xml

If you are submitting a test file:

Practice NAME_PID(AQI ID#)_DOSSTART(20170701)_DOSEND(20170731__TEST(Y)).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. For more information, email nacorsupport@arbormetrix.com.
- b. **Email Set Type** – 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. Email notification first name
 - ii. Email notification last name
 - iii. Email notification address

3. Deleting and Replacing a File

AQI has made deleting and reloading data easier. The 2017 XML updates include a file version "AQIXMLVersion" which have two possible values "2017V1.0" and "2017V1.0R."

- a. **2017V1.0** – This value will tell ArborMetrix to process the file as normal inserting data into NACOR.
- b. **2017V1.0R** – This value will tell ArborMetrix to delete and replace all data in NACOR with matching AnesthesiaRecordIDs. More information about NACOR Quality Reporting is available on the [NACOR Quality Reporting Options and Mechanisms webpage](#).