Quality Reporting Office Hours

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Agenda

QRA

- 2022 QR/QCDR Self-Nomination Application Submitted
- CMS Updates
  - MIPS 2020 Final Scores
  - Targeted Review deadline extension

AQI

- Unreported Cases demonstration
- Facility List Updates
- 2021 Quality Reporting deadlines
- 2021 Practice Audits

AQI Office Hours – October 2021 QRA Update

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QRA Updates

2022 QCDR/QR Self-nomination Submission

- AQI submitted the 2022 QR/QCDR self-nomination application
- All measures available in 2021 were submitted for consideration in 2022 except AQI55 – Team-Based Implementation of Care-and-Communication Bundle for ICU Patients.
- We've also requested to add two additional licensed measures.
- We are waiting for CMS approval on the 2022 Performance Year measures

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CMS Updates

Updated 2020 MIPS Final Scores

- CMS recently released an announcement that the 2020 MIPS performance scores will be updated.
- CMS identified that their system did not recognize patient-reported outcome measures as outcome measures.
- The majority of affected clinicians will see a modest increase in their quality performance category score and MIPS final score as a result of this correction

Targeted Review Deadline Extension

- The deadline to request a targeted review has been extended to November 29, 2021, at 8:00pm (ET)

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Helpful Resources

- QPP Resource Library
  - https://qpp.cms.gov/about/resource-library
  - QPP Improvement Activity Information
- ASA MACRA webpage
  - https://www.asahq.org/macra
  - ASA Documentation Guidance
- AQI Quality Reporting Materials
  - https://www.aqihq.org/MACRAOverview.aspx
- QPP Help Desk
  - QPP@cms.hhs.gov

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Contact Quality and Regulatory Affairs

- Questions and comments on quality measures and regulatory information (e.g. reporting requirements, CMS regulation) should be sent to Quality and Regulatory Affairs staff.

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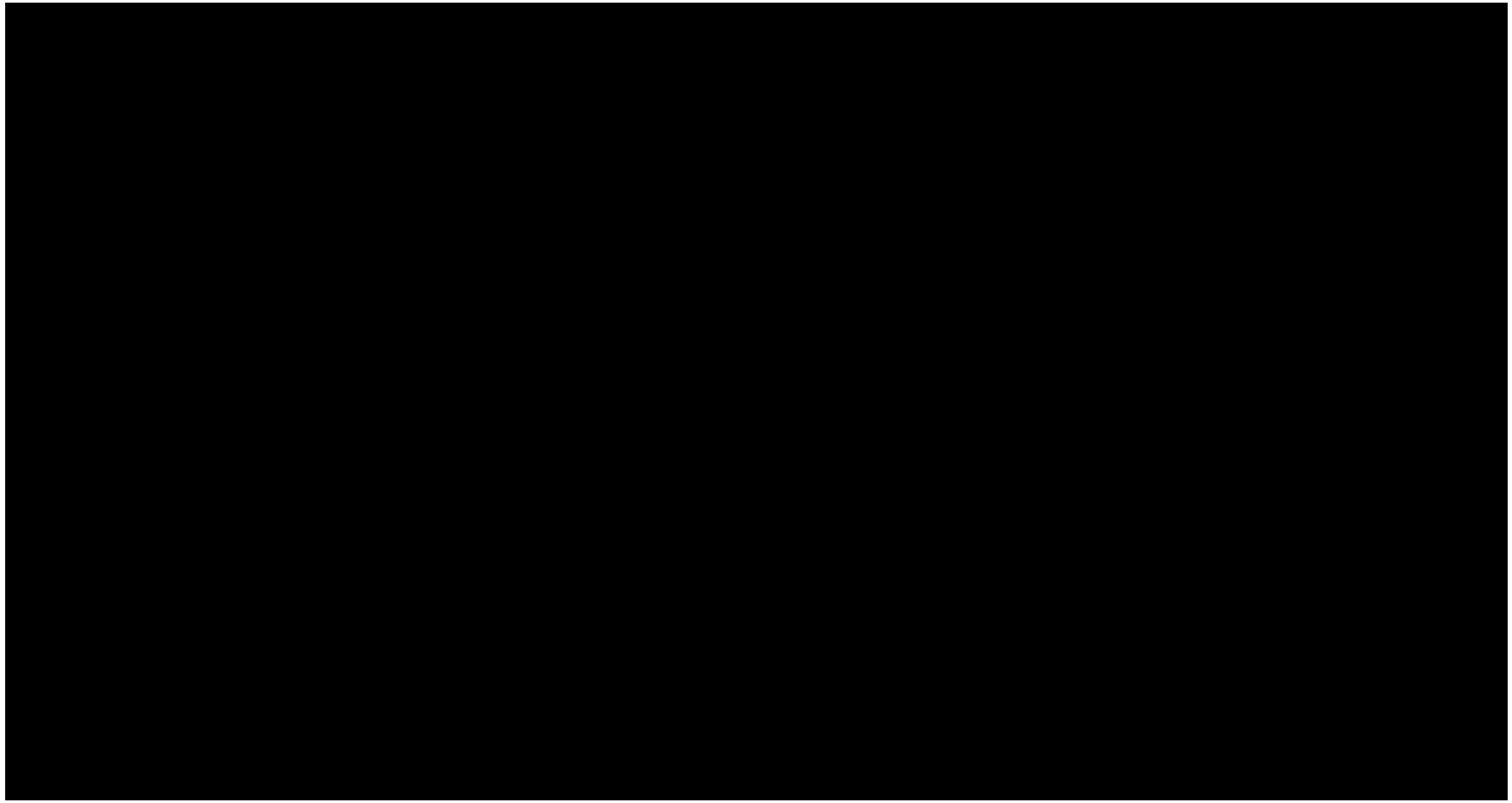
Unreported Cases in NACOR Demo



Facility List Audit

- The AQI facility list audit is in progress
- Aiming to reduce the number of unused and duplicate facilities in order to clean up the benchmarking data
- To ensure your facility list is up to date, please review the instructions on how to update your facility list here: Auditing your Facility List (PDF)
- For assistance on cleaning up your practice's Facility List please email j.ali@asahq.org

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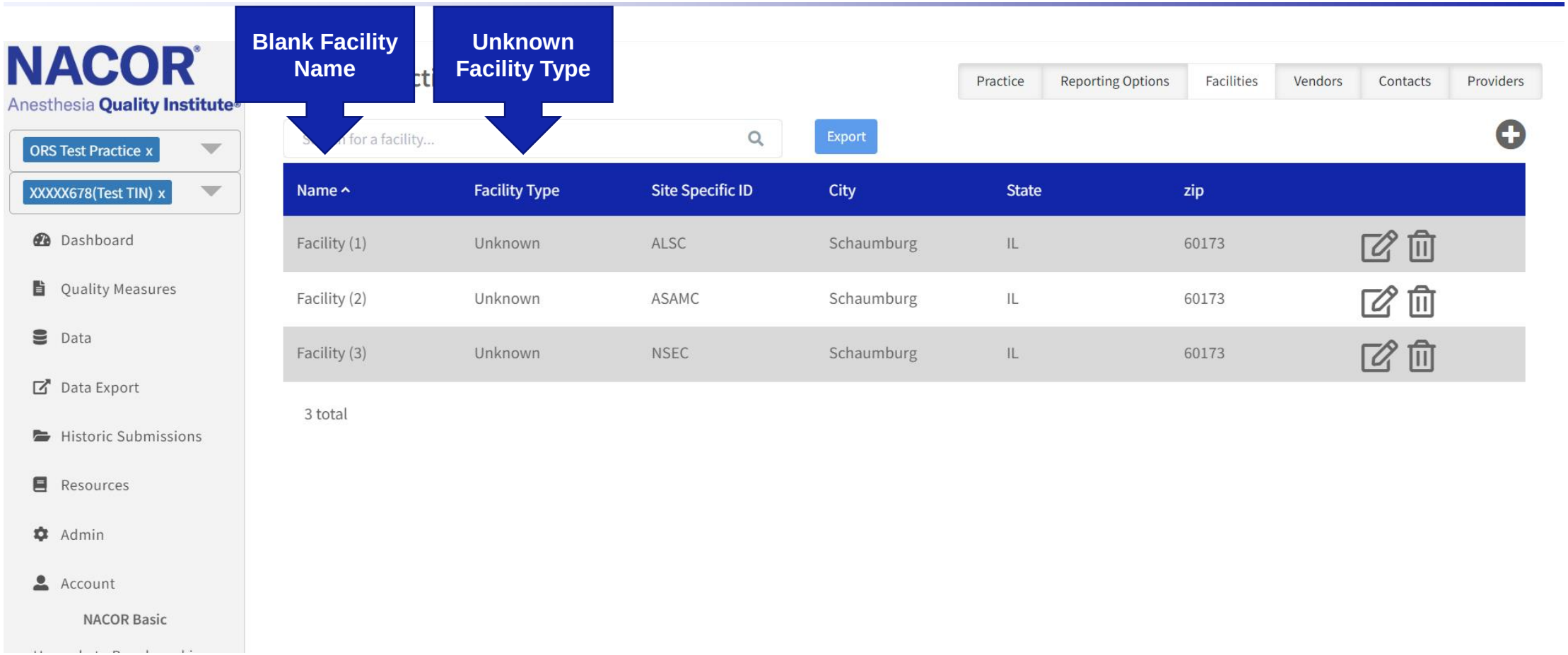
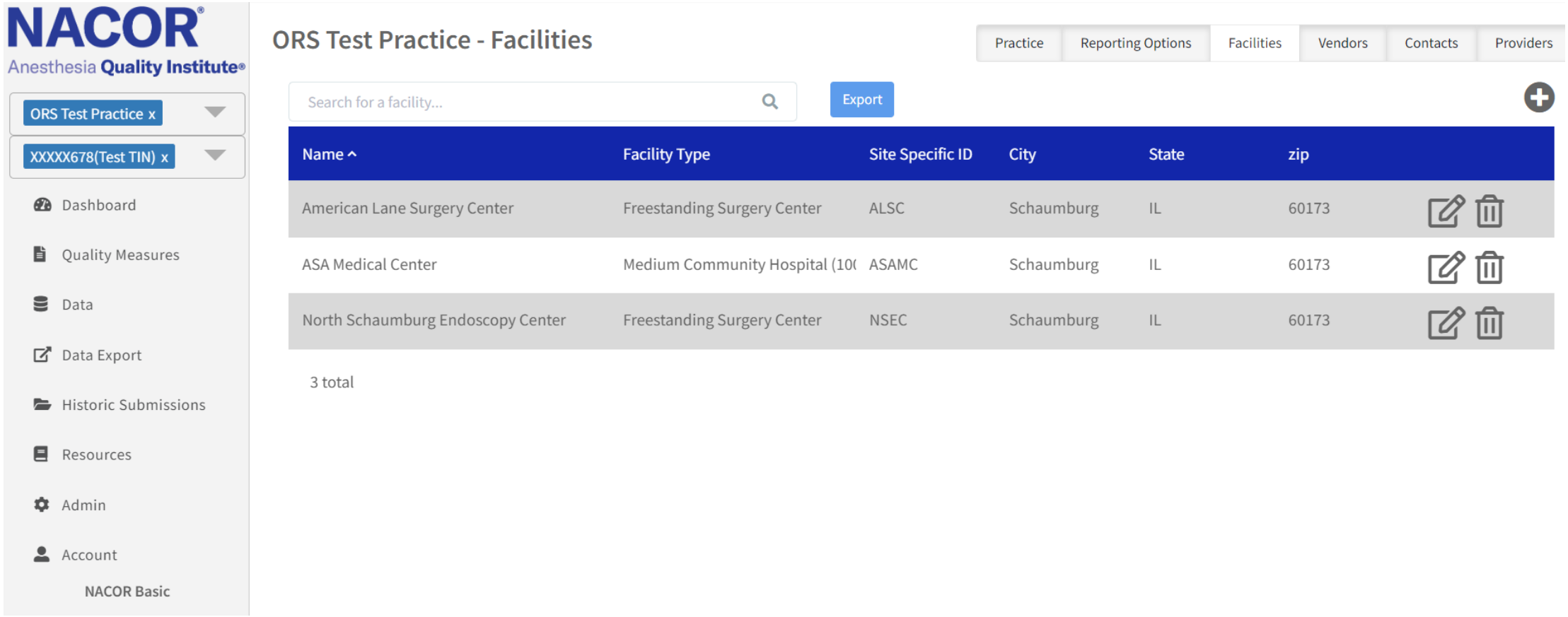
Incomplete Facility List



Complete Facility List



2021 Quality Reporting Deadlines

Date	Deadline
October 1, 2021	• ASA Membership Renewal for 2021 • NACOR Registration (Quality, Benchmarking or Basic)
January 31, 2022	• Submission of January - November 2021 data • Individual Quality Reporting Consent Submission • Improvement Activity Attestation • CMS opt-out for Individual Reporting • TIN/NPI Reconciliation
February 15, 2022	• Submission of December 2021 data and any corrected files

2021 AQI Quality Reporting Practice Audits

- To remain in good standing as a Qualified Registry and Qualified Clinical Data Registry, AQI and its registry, NACOR, is required to submit an annual data validation plan to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) based on the results of the practice audits.

  - Practices are randomly selected and will be notified via certified mail and email
  - Practices will be audited in the Quality, Improvement Activity and possibly the Promoting Interoperability Components
  - Audits must be completed and reviewed before data can be submitted to CMS in March 2022
  - Audits will begin before end of 4th Quarter

Next Office Hours

Posted to the AQI website week of October 18th

If you have any topics that you would like us to cover during office hours, please email **askaqi@asahq.org**