Getting Started – Participation Steps for the National Anesthesia Outcomes Registry (NACOR)

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Participation Steps

Step 1

- Identify AQI Champion
  - Physician Anesthesiologist, Director of Quality, Practice Administrator to oversee the project

Step 2

- Review Measures, Collection Strategies and Data Specifications
  - Review and select measures for reporting
  - Determine how to collect data
  - Review NACOR Minimum Data Set and XML File Format

Step 3

- Execute Agreements and Register
  - Complete the appropriate AQI Participation Agreements
  - Complete a registration form

Step 4

- Submit Your Data
  - Check test file with XML File Validator
  - Successful validation – submit monthly

Step 5

- Access your data for Quality Improvement
  - Utilize practice dashboards and national benchmarks
  - Use data for certification (MOCA) and hospital and payer negotiations

Step 1: Identify an AQI Champion

- **Select a representative from your practice who will oversee the project**

  - Determine Goal (QI project and/or MIPS)
  - Select Measures
  - Decide how you will
    - Collect data
    - Submit data
  - Review dashboard

Step 2: Review Measures, Collection Strategies and Data Specifications

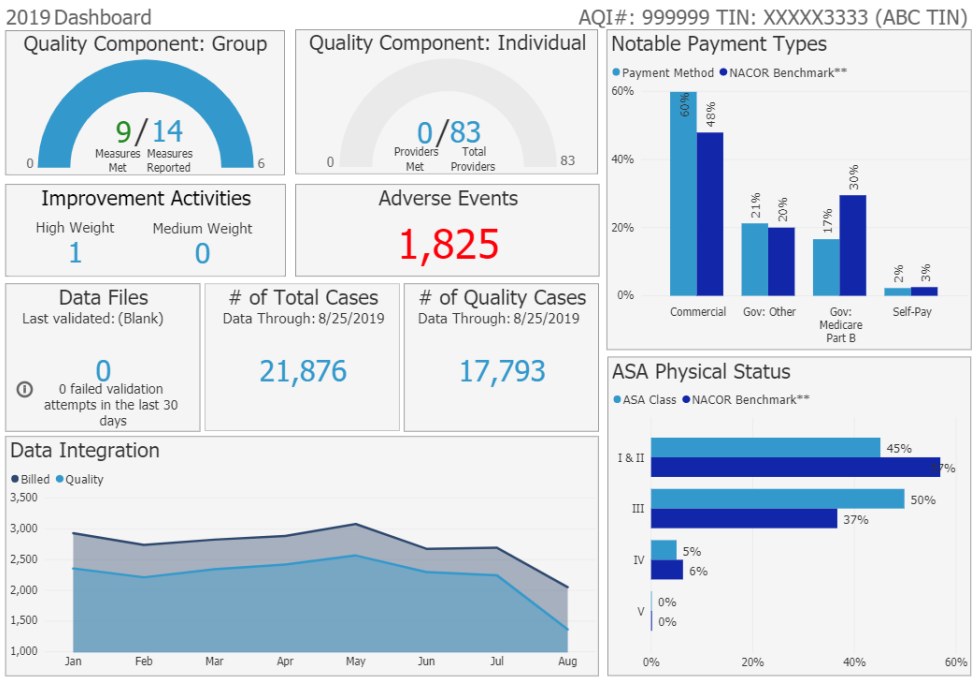
- **Choose measures that your clinicians will collect**
  - QCDR
  - MIPS
  - AQI Internal Improvement
- **Decide how data will be collected**
  - Paper capture form
  - Data capture app
  - EHR (Epic or Cerner)
- **Review NACOR Minimum Data Set and XML Specifications**

Step 3: Register and Execute Participation Agreements

- **Select a NACOR Reporting Option**
  - Quality Concierge
  - NACOR Quality Reporting
  - Benchmarking
  - Basic
- **Complete a Registration Form**
- **Execute AQI Participation Agreements**

Step 4: Submit your data

- Test a file with the XML Validator
- Submit a test file to the data warehouse
- Pass validation
- Determine submission schedule (monthly, quarterly, yearly)



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Step 5: Access your data for Quality Improvement

Resources

- **Measure Specifications**
  - QCDR
  - MIPS
  - Internal Improvement Measures (IIM)

- **Data Specifications**
  - Minimum Data Set
  - XML Format
  - File Validator

- 2021 NACOR Reporting Options
- 2021 NACOR Registration Form