

Ambulatory Surgical Center Quality Reporting Program

Support Contractor

The Lifecycle of Healthcare Quality Measures

Questions & Answers

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- **Question 1:** With the evolution of forthcoming eCQMs, in the future will we be eliminating all chart-abstracted measures?
- Answer 1: CMS' intent is to lessen the burden on facilities abstracting data. At this time, CMS is not planning on eliminating all non-eCOM measures.
- **Question 2:** How does one go about becoming a TEP?
- Answer 2: With each Technical Expert Panel posting, there will be different contractors to contact regarding volunteering your services. To view the Technical Expert Panel postings and contact information, follow the following link: <u>https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/MMS/TechnicalExpertPanels.html</u>. You may also contact Elizabeth Bainger directly. Her contact information is at the end of the presentation.
- **Question 3:** How does one become a pilot study hospital, and what are the criteria?
- Answer 3: If you are interested in becoming a pilot site, contact Elizabeth Bainger at elizabeth.bainger@cms.hhs.gov, and she can refer you to the correct person/department.
- **Question 4:** How does this apply to ASC?
- Answer 4: The processes discussed in this presentation are also used to develop measures for the ASCQR Program.