Making Local and Regional Connections Easier Through the Action Registry

NATIONAL QUALITY FORUM

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Agenda: Helping Us Help You

We would like to discuss this morning:

- What is an Action Registry?
- What ideas do you have to make it more useful to suit your needs?
- What is the status of the Alignment Tool and Quality Positioning System?
- What else do you want NQF to know?

First, a bit of background…

NQF is a nonprofit organization that convenes a wide variety of healthcare stakeholders to improve the quality of American healthcare by:

- Building consensus on national priorities and goals for performance improvement and working in partnership to achieve them;
- Endorsing national consensus standards for measuring and publicly reporting on performance; and
- Promoting the attainment of national goals through education and outreach programs.

A Bit About Our Team: Example

(QPS) Quality Positioning System

- User-friendly tool to search, share, compare info about NQF-endorsed measures
- QPS Version 1.0 launched in late-October

Next Steps

Continue to add features, such as sharing information about measure use

Community Tool to Align Measures

- Shows 171 NQF-endorsed measures used in 16 AF4Q regions, plus national programs
- Used by many groups to help align measurement work
- Working with three organizations to assess what it takes to align measurement efforts

Next Steps

Use ideas for a "Field Guide to NQF Resources"

Measure Registry Needs Assessment

- Assessment conducted on behalf of HHS
- Explore issues and considerations for better approaches to gathering, storing, and accessing measure information
- Ideas gathered from many stakeholders about a wide range of possible options

Next Steps

Final report due to HHS by end of 2012

MONAHRQ Desktop Software

- Engage leaders from the field to help improve how MONAHRQ can meet the need for a low-cost way to create Web-based reports
- Ensure leading-edge work in public reporting guides MONAHRQ software development

Next Steps

Bring together stakeholders to information improvements in AHRQ's free software

What is an Action Registry?

- A virtual space for organizations to *share* their patient safety improvement activities - or "actions" - and *make connections* with each other
  - Actions can be an event, toolkit, quality initiative, publication, etc.

- Designed to help people promote what they are doing, learn from each other, and work together toward a common goal: improve patient safety and healthcare quality

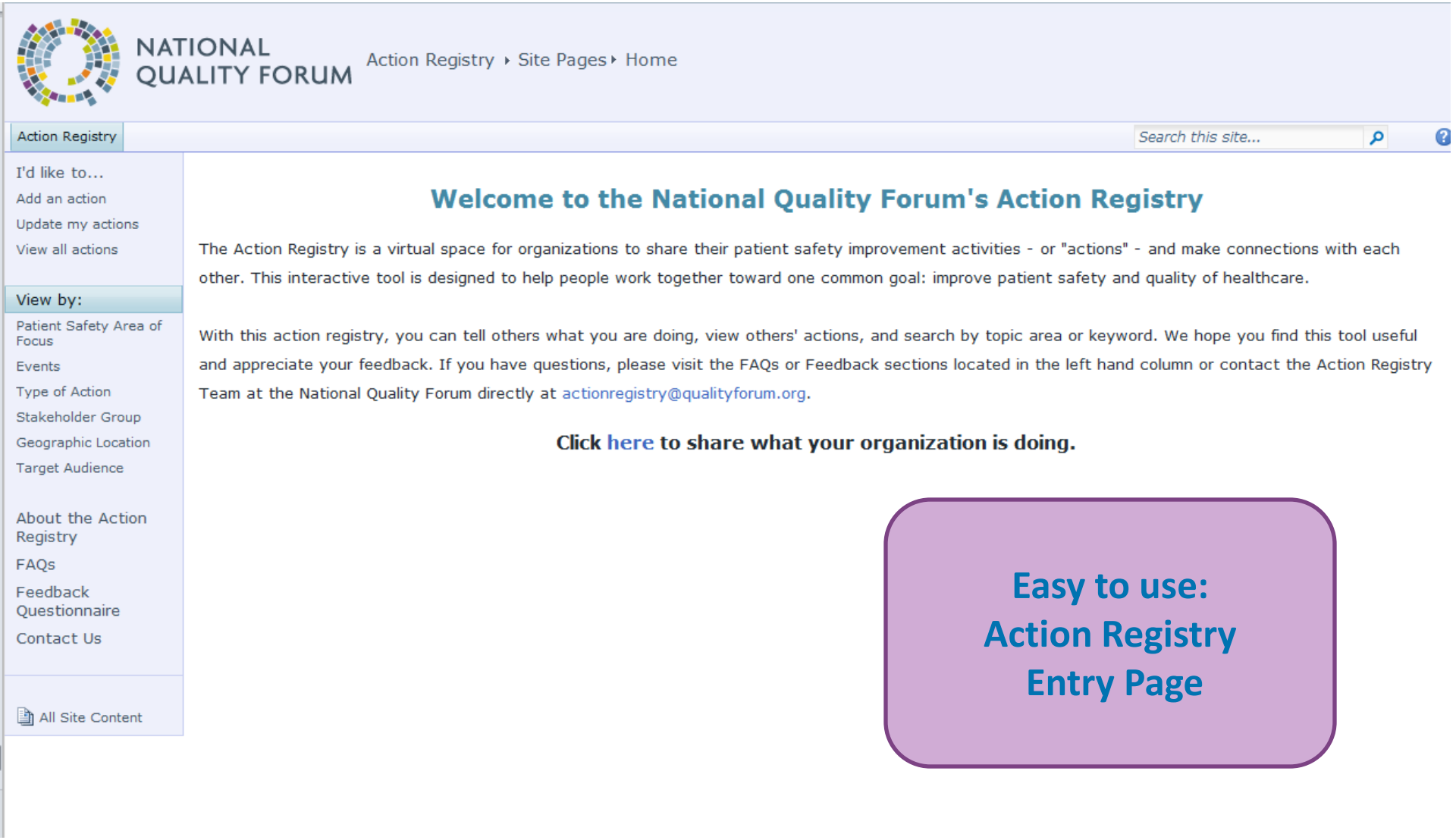
www.qualityforum.org/action-registry

Why Develop an Action Registry?

- Participants in the National Priorities Partnership and the Partnership for Patients wanted it!

- The Partnership for Patients brings together the public and private sector to work on the patient safety priority area of the National Quality Strategy
  - Specifically, reducing preventable hospital readmissions and hospital acquired conditions

- Action Registry can be used by anyone working on patient safety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Events
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About the Action Registry
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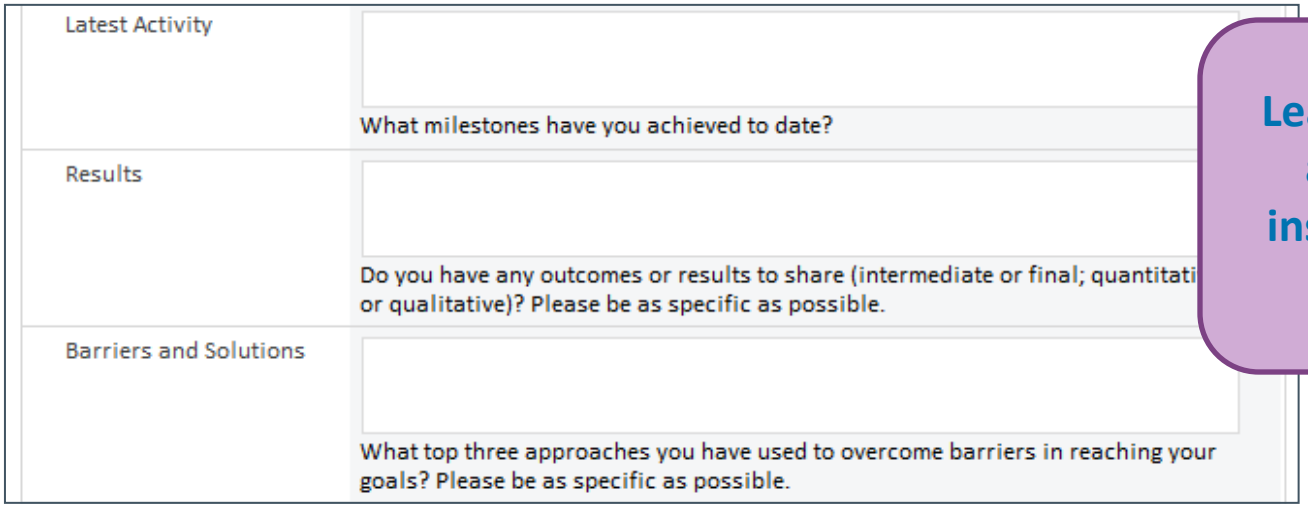
Welcome to the National Quality Forum's Action Registry
The Action Registry is a virtual space for organizations to share their patient safety improvement activities - or "actions" - and make connections with each other. This interactive tool is designed to help people work together toward one common goal: improve patient safety and quality of healthcare.
With this action registry, you can tell others what you are doing, view others' actions, and search by topic area or keyword. We hope you find this tool useful and appreciate your feedback. If you have questions, please visit the FAQs or Feedback sections located in the left hand column or contact the Action Registry Team at the National Quality Forum directly at actionregistry@qualityforum.org.
Click here to share what your organization is doing.
Easy to use:
Action Registry
Entry Page

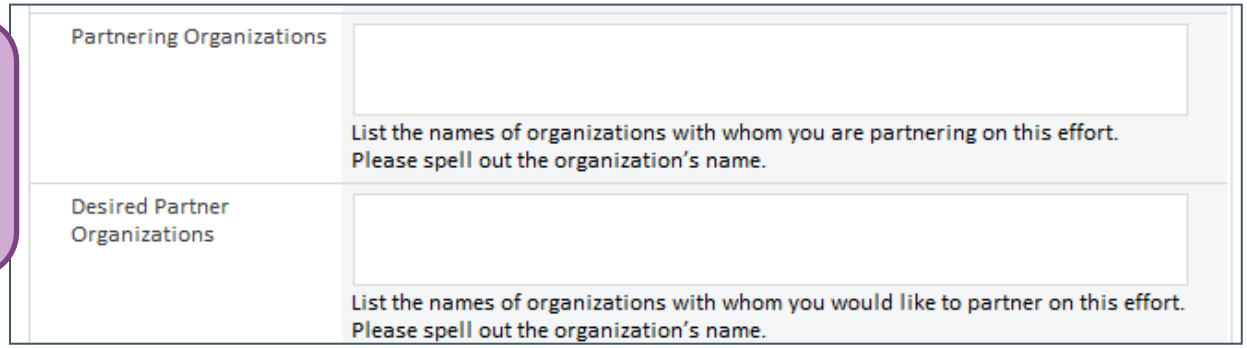
Check Out What Others Are Doing

Learn from Others' Experiences

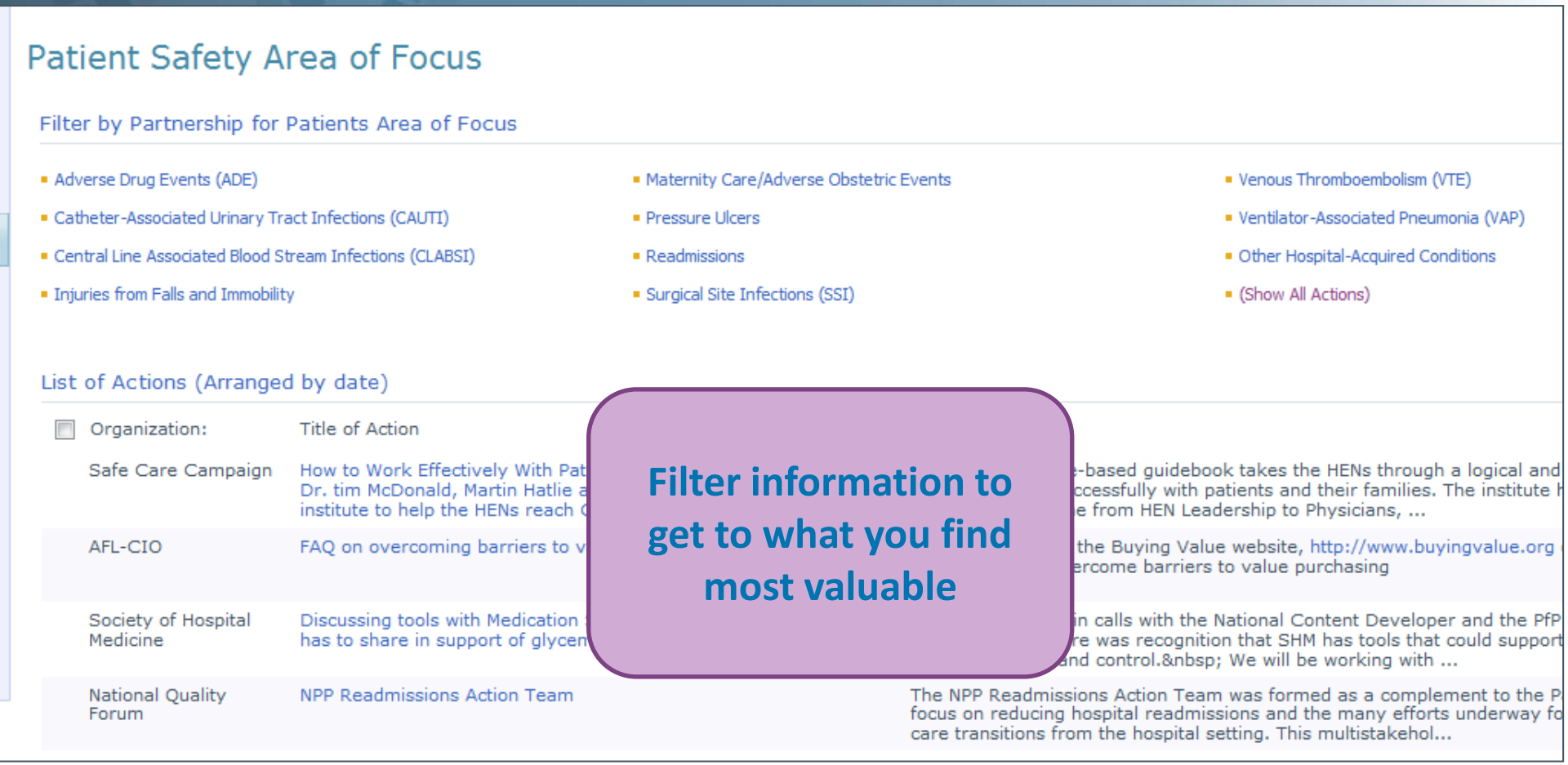


Learn about results and achievements, plus insights on overcoming barriers

Find potential partners to help your efforts

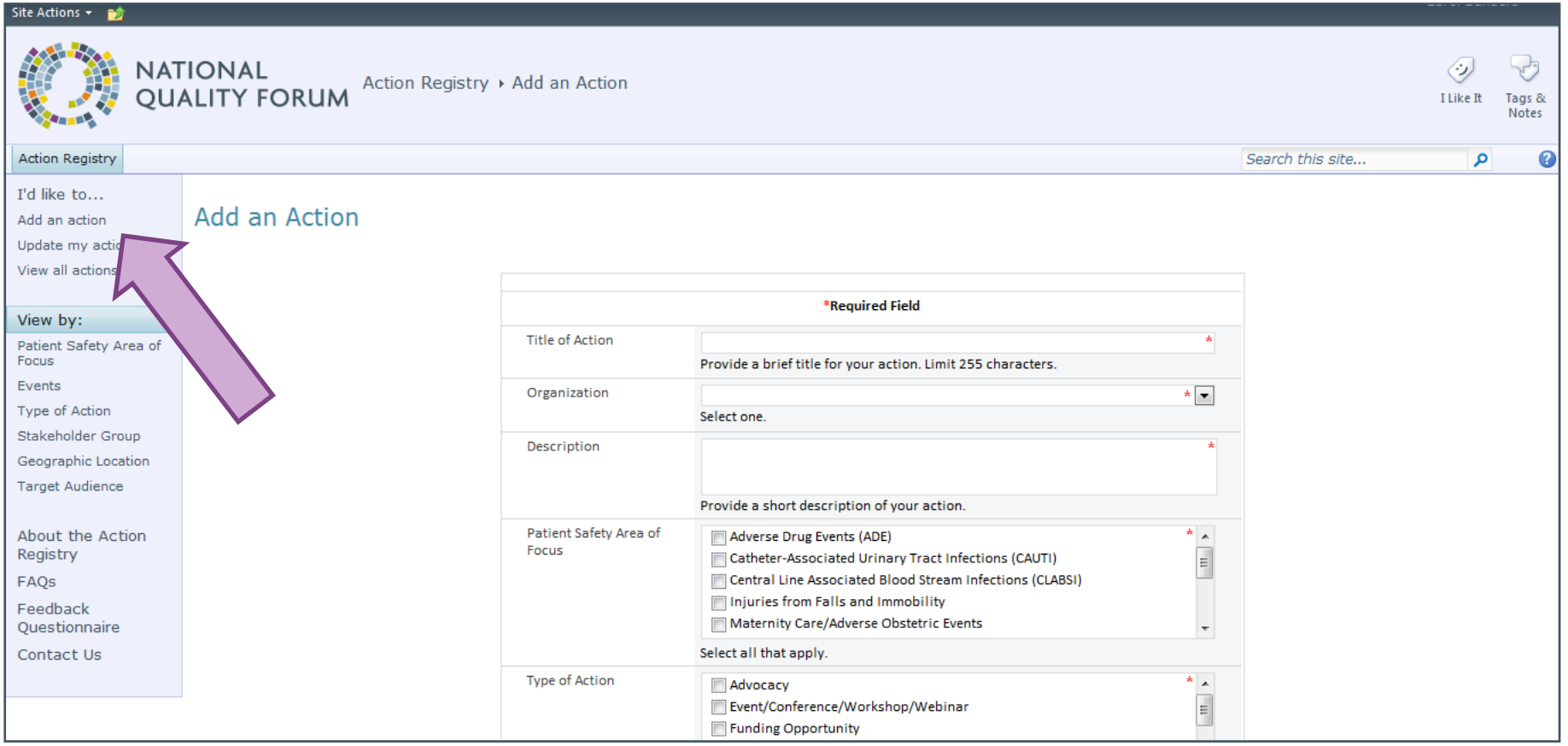


Zero In on a Patient Safety Area



Filter information to get to what you find most valuable

Tell Us About Your Work in Patient Safety



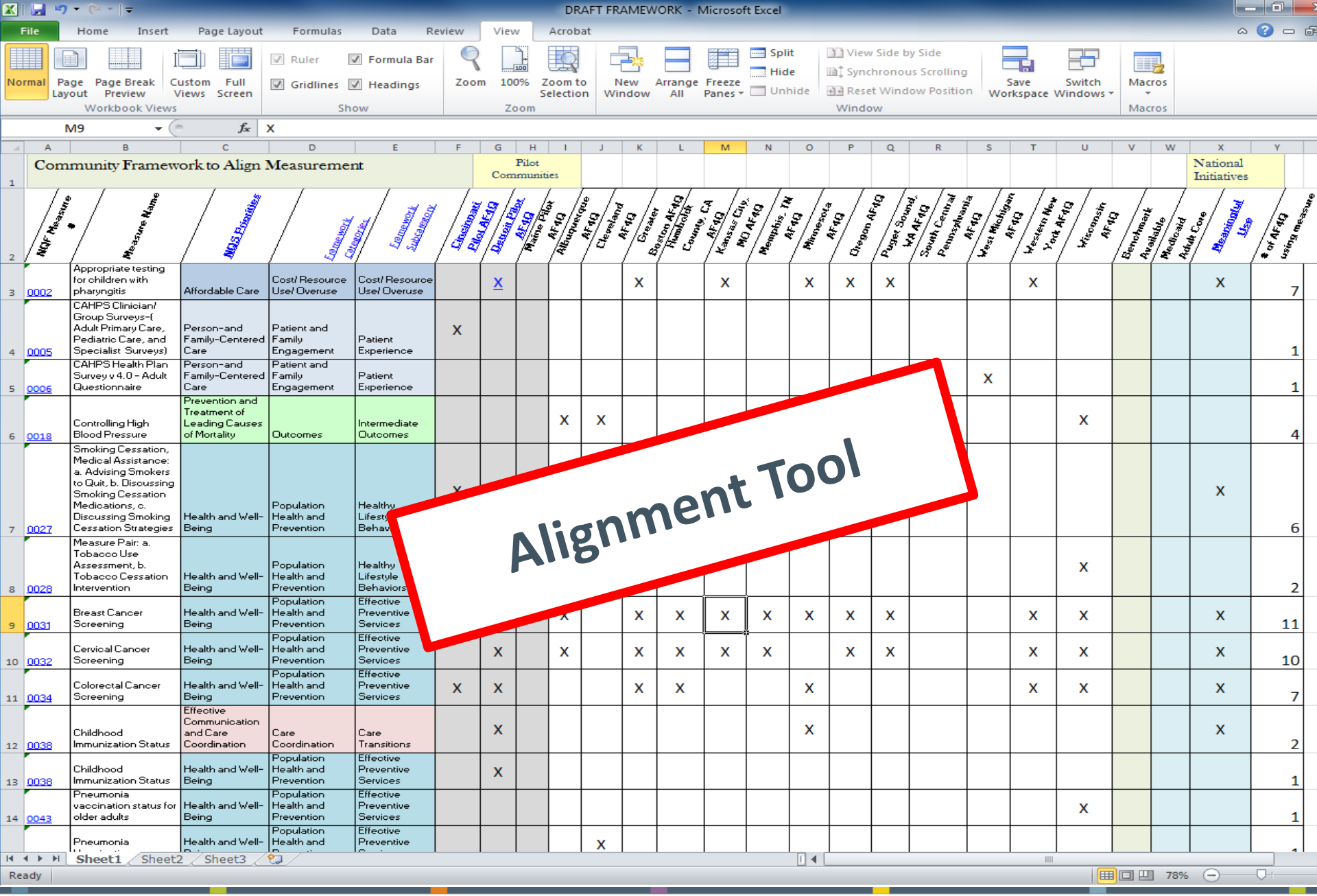
What Do You Think?

- How do you currently identify what others are doing in a specific topic or focus area?

- What information and/or functions would you like to access to connect with another organization?

- How can we improve the Action Registry to meet your needs?

- **Next Steps:**
  - Beta testing with stakeholders throughout November
  - Official launch on November 30


DRAFT FRAMEWORK - Microsoft Excel
Community Framework to Align Measurement
Pilot Communities
National Initiatives
Alignment Tool

A Sincere Thank You…

Community Tool to Align Measurement – Launched February 2012

- Your AF4Q leaders helped develop this tool to support alignment of efforts within and across regions, with the National Quality Strategy, as well as with national programs

- It continues to be a very popular resource at the local, state, and national levels

- In use by MANY public- and private-sector organizations, including NQF!

Examples of Folks Using the Alignment Tool

- AF4Q alliances in Oregon, Detroit, Maine, Cincinnati, and several on the AF4Q Measure Alignment Affinity Group
- Xerox
- Ford-UAW
- Humana
- State of Kentucky
- Quality Alliance Steering Committee (QASC)
- AHRQ's Chartered Value Exchanges (CVEs)
- Others too

The Quality Positioning System (QPS): Improving Access to NQF-endorsed Measures

QPS is a web-based resource created to:

- Easily find NQF-endorsed® measures
- Share information about measures of interest to you
- See what measures are used by others (including some national programs)
- Stay informed about measures' endorsement status

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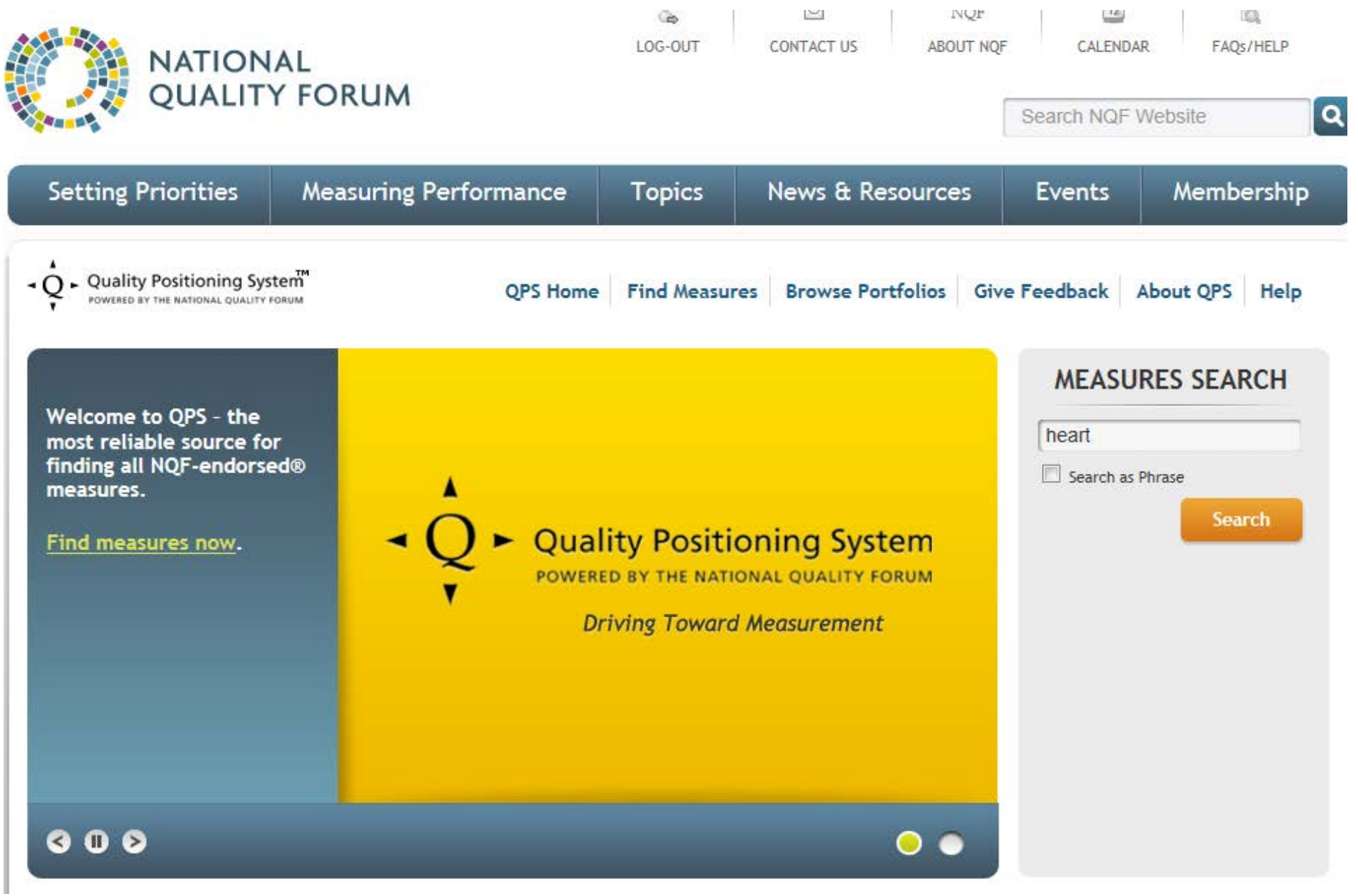
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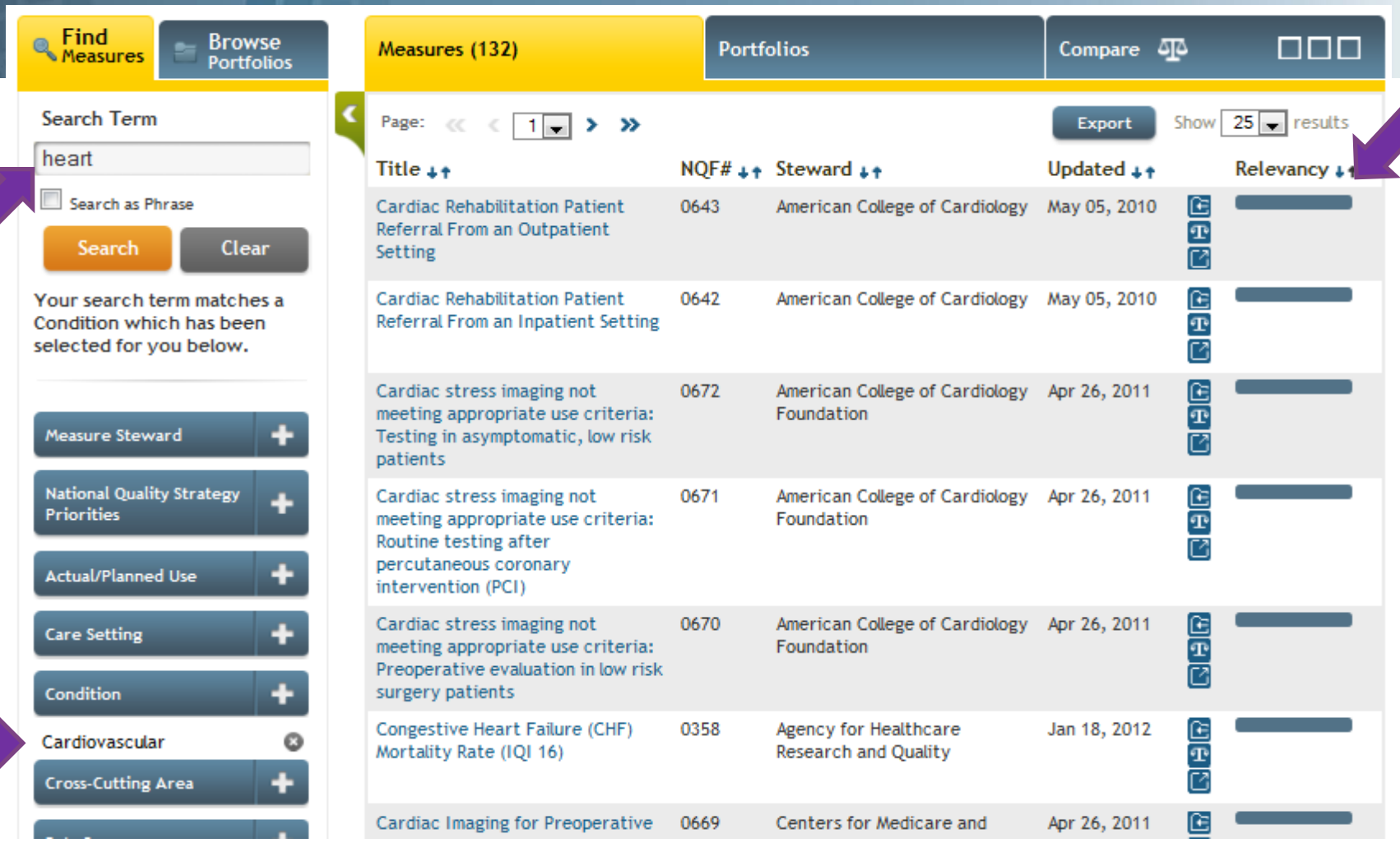
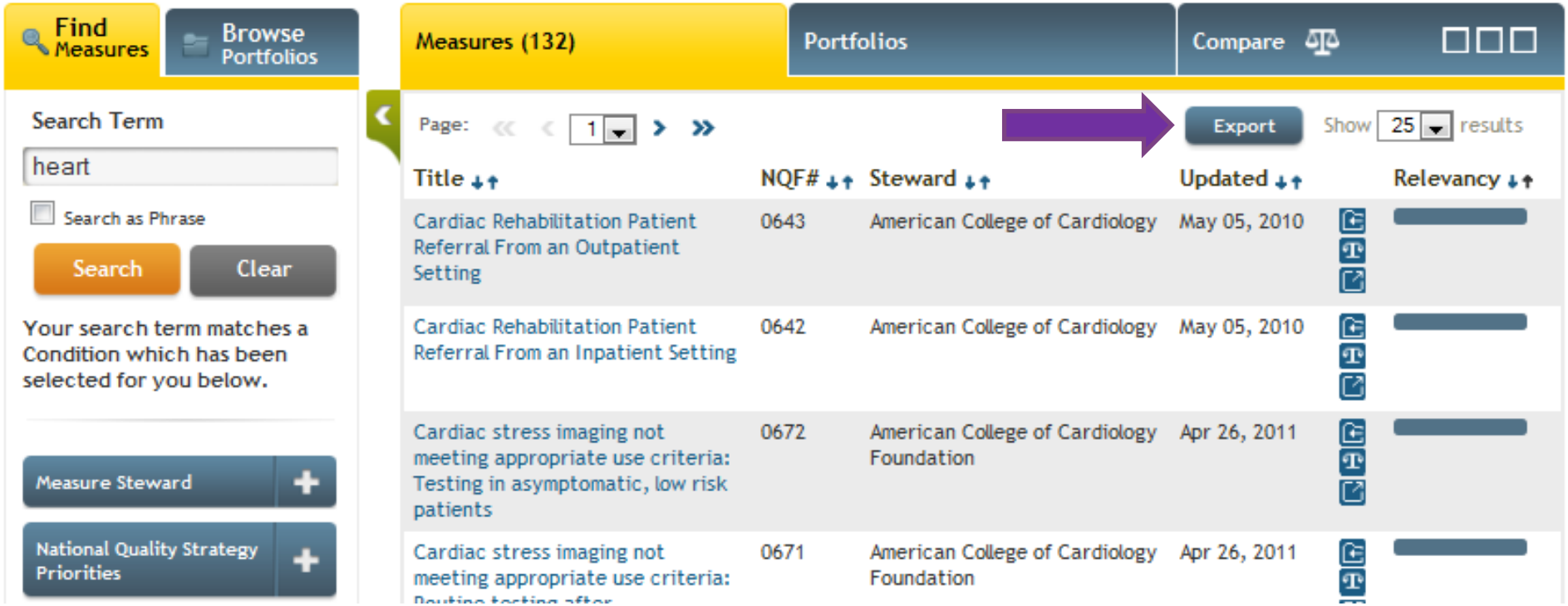
NEW FEATURES

Use Plain Language to Find What You Need



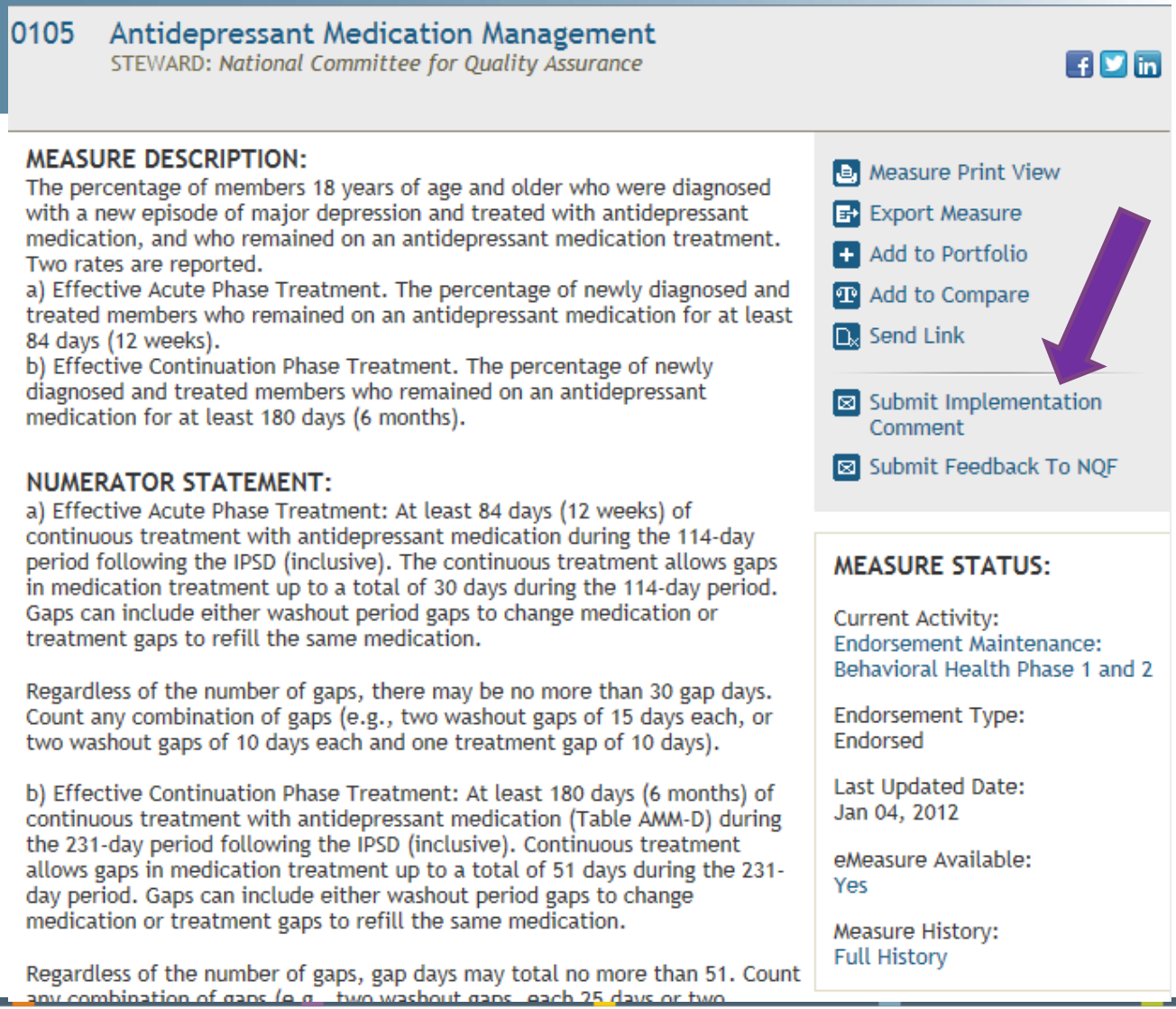
NEW FEATURE

Export Measure Search Results



Share Your Experience Using a Measure

NEW FEATURES



0105 Antidepressant Medication Management

STEWARD: *National Committee for Quality Assurance*

MEASURE DESCRIPTION:

The percentage of members 18 years of age and older who were diagnosed with a new episode of major depression and treated with antidepressant medication, and who remained on an antidepressant medication treatment. Two rates are reported.
a) Effective Acute Phase Treatment. The percentage of newly diagnosed and treated members who remained on an antidepressant medication for at least 84 days (12 weeks).
b) Effective Continuation Phase Treatment. The percentage of newly diagnosed and treated members who remained on an antidepressant medication for at least 180 days (6 months).

NUMERATOR STATEMENT:

a) Effective Acute Phase Treatment: At least 84 days (12 weeks) of continuous treatment with antidepressant medication during the 114-day period following the IPSD (inclusive). The continuous treatment allows gaps in medication treatment up to a total of 30 days during the 114-day period. Gaps can include either washout period gaps to change medication or treatment gaps to refill the same medication.

Regardless of the number of gaps, there may be no more than 30 gap days. Count any combination of gaps (e.g., two washout gaps of 15 days each, or two washout gaps of 10 days each and one treatment gap of 10 days).

b) Effective Continuation Phase Treatment: At least 180 days (6 months) of continuous treatment with antidepressant medication (Table AMM-D) during the 231-day period following the IPSD (inclusive). Continuous treatment allows gaps in medication treatment up to a total of 51 days during the 231-day period. Gaps can include either washout period gaps to change medication or treatment gaps to refill the same medication.

Regardless of the number of gaps, gap days may total no more than 51. Count any combination of gaps (e.g., two washout gaps, each 25 days or two

Measure Print View
Export Measure
Add to Portfolio
Add to Compare
Send Link
Submit Implementation Comment
Submit Feedback To NQF

MEASURE STATUS:

Current Activity:
Endorsement Maintenance: Behavioral Health Phase 1 and 2

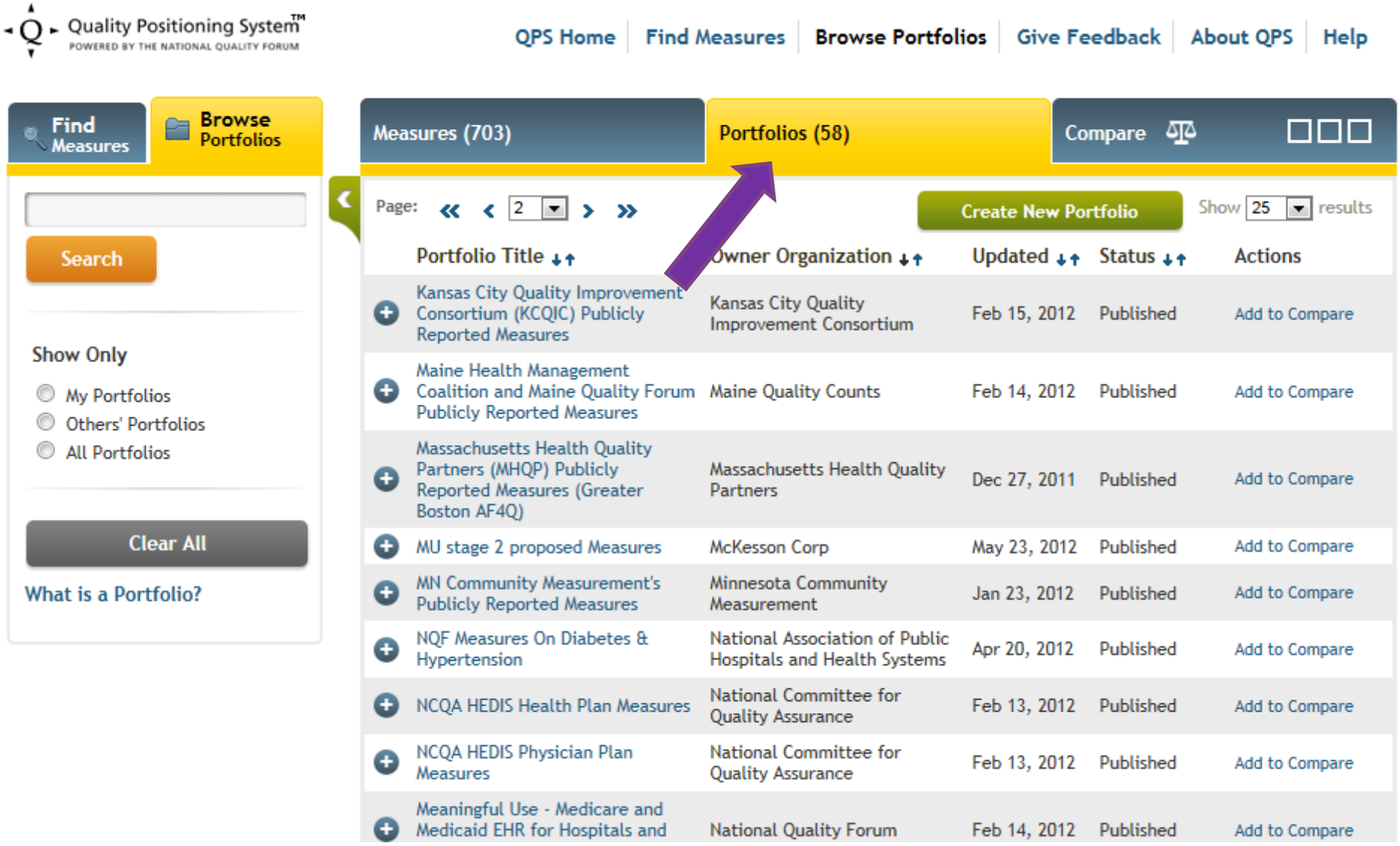
Endorsement Type:
Endorsed

Last Updated Date:
Jan 04, 2012

eMeasure Available:
Yes

Measure History:
Full History

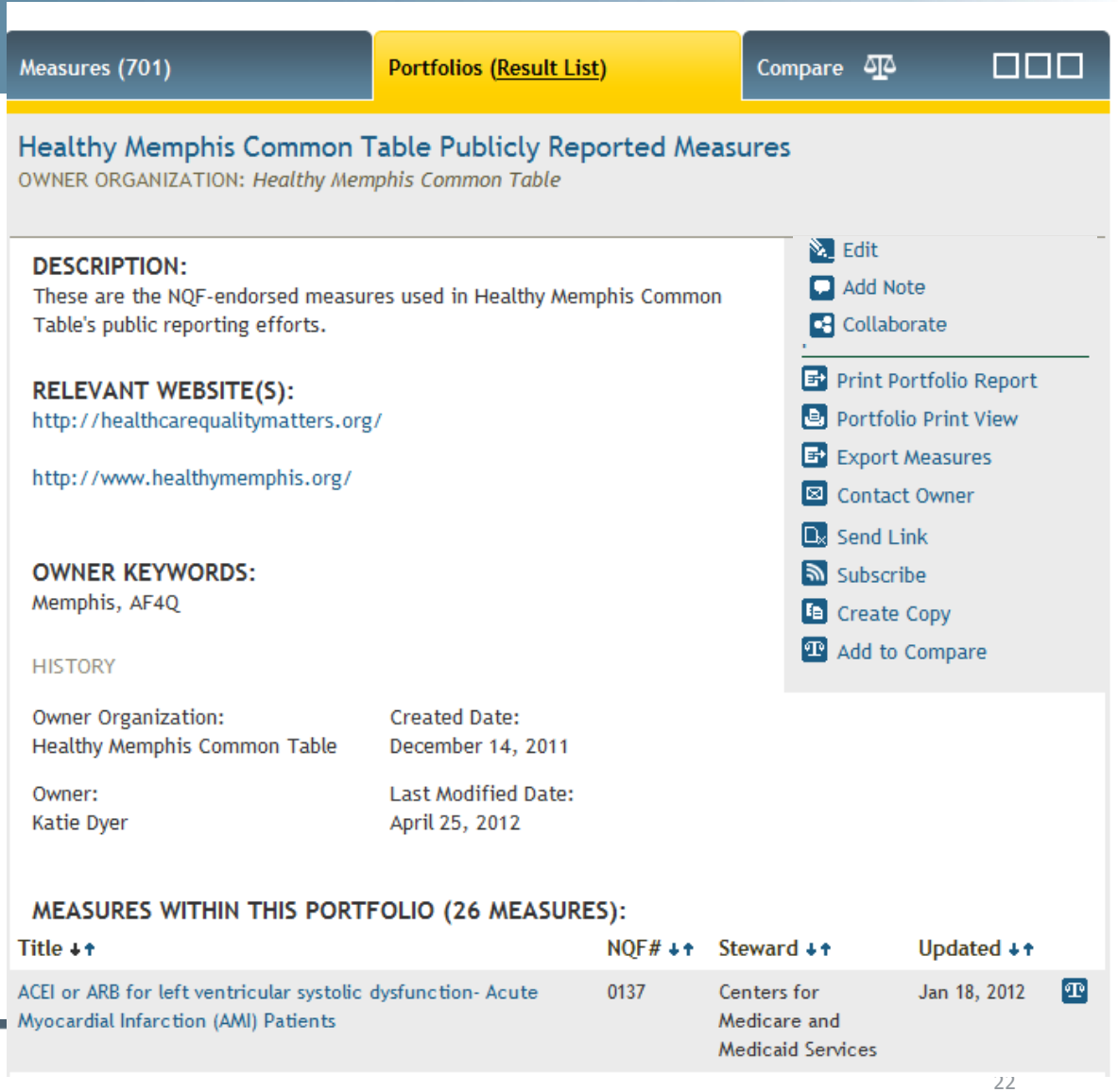
See Lists of Measures Others Users



Make Your Portfolio Even Better

Three Must-Dos:

1. Link to your public report
2. Add owner keywords
3. Include your contact information



Easily Share Your Work and Save Time

- Include a hyperlink to information about a measure in your private and public reports
  - Clearly show which NQF-endorsed measure(s) you use (even if you changed the measure name)
  - Save time – rely on QPS to provide the background information about each measure (so you don't have to)

- Use the new simple URLs for each measure:

www.qualityforum.org/QPS/####

Upcoming NQF Activities

- Action Registry launches November 30
- Refinement QPS v1.0 based on your feedback
  - Developing 'widgets' so it is easier to connect your work to NQF-endorsed measures in QPS
  - Expanding the portfolio feature to gather even more information about how you and others use NQF-endorsed measures
- Coming in 2013: *Field Guide to NQF Resources*

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