

## 2021 Mid-Year QOPI Update and Future Plans

As a leading provider of oncology quality improvement platforms, ASCO continuously evaluates its reporting products to ensure that offerings are both meaningful and relevant to participating practices. As you may remember, ASCO made some big and exciting changes for the year 2021. We want to provide a mid-year update along with timelines for offerings updates for 2022.

### **Quality Oncology Practice Initiative (QOPI®)**

Starting in January 2021, QOPI updated its participation tracks, moving most domestic practices to the QOPI Certification Track. This change allowed QOPI to streamline program participation and better meet our members' needs for robust benchmarks.

All US-domestic practices have the opportunity to abstract for the QOPI Certification Track and can use their participation for practice-centered quality improvement projects and work towards becoming QOPI Certified. QOPI also provides specialized participation tracks for our practices engaged in special programs like our Niarchos and Komen grant programs, and the Michigan Oncology Quality Consortium.

International practices have several offerings to choose from including the QOPI Certification Track, and the International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer Track. Additionally, we have the tracks available which include Breast, Lung, Core, and Symptom Toxicity measures that international practices can participate in via the Niarchos and Komen Tracks. QOPI also continues to explore quality measurement in low and low-middle income countries.

Each year, we will evaluate other opportunities to improve QOPI using participant feedback. Updates on the QOPI program's 2022 offerings will be available at the beginning of September 2021.

Please contact the [QOPI Help Desk](#) with questions about specifics of these offerings.

### **QOPI Certification**

The QOPI Certification Program continues unchanged both domestically and internationally. The QOPI Certification Program provides outpatient hematology-oncology practices with three-year certification that recognizes the safe administration of chemotherapy and high-quality cancer care. Practices may participate through either QOPI manual data abstraction or via the CancerLinQ® SmartLinQ™ platform. Practices are still required to abstract the QOPI Certification Track in either semi-annual round and achieve a 75% or greater Overall Quality Score every three years in order to apply or reapply for Certification.

### **Maintenance for QOPI Certification Requirements**

Practices will submit the target number of charts for ONE of the disease modules included in the QCP Track: Breast, NSCLC, or Colorectal. The system will still calculate an Overall Quality Score within the final certification report whenever the QOPI Certification Track is registered for, but this score will carry no implications for maintenance rounds and does not affect Certification in any way other than to say that a practice has participated.

Please do not hesitate to email with questions or concerns.

Thank you

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