

Call for Work Group and Advisory Group Nominations
Due April 23, 2010

**American Board of Medical Specialties/American Board of Allergy and Immunology/Physician Consortium for Performance Improvement
Atopic Dermatitis Work Group and Advisory Group**

The AMA-convened Physician Consortium for Performance Improvement® (PCPI) is engaging in a pilot project with the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) to develop performance measures related to high priority clinical areas for integration into ABMS Maintenance of Certification® programs. The American Board of Allergy and Immunology (ABAI) is one of the first Member Boards to participate in this pilot.

The PCPI and ABAI are jointly beginning a measure development, specification, and testing project to identify and define quality measures toward improving outcomes for pediatric and adult patient populations with **atopic dermatitis**.

A slightly modified PCPI Work Group composition will be utilized in this pilot project. We are convening a work group, that will be limited to a total of eleven representatives (including two co-chairs) and an advisory group comprised of a maximum of eight health care professionals and stakeholders.

Work group

The work group members will be selected based on their clinical topic expertise and will include six physicians (3-PCPI nominees; 3-board nominees) of which four will need to maintain at least part-time clinical practices. In addition, we are also seeking a methodologist, an additional health care professional and an external stakeholder representative (eg, purchaser, consumer, patient or health plan representative).

The work group members will review the draft measures, comments from the advisory group, public comments, testing results, and modifications to measures. Work group members will need to attend the in-person work group meeting anticipated to be scheduled in **early June**, in the Chicago area from approximately 10 a.m to 4 p.m. CST and participate in subsequent conference calls and email communications used to achieve consensus.

Advisory group

The advisory group will be comprised of a group of health care professionals and stakeholders representing other aspects of the health care delivery system associated with atopic dermatitis to advise on the development of the measures as needed. These activities will include participation on three 2-hour conference calls. These calls will take place prior to the public comment period, after refinements are made to the measures based on public comments, and to discuss the necessary measure refinements (eg, specification updates) prior to implementation in testing projects. Tentatively, one call will be held in the months of June, September and November.

We invite PCPI members to submit nominations for membership to the work group and advisory group. **All nominees must submit a Nomination Form and Conflict of Interest Form** (Profile and Material Interest Disclosure Statement) and submit your nominations by **April 23, 2010**, via e-mail to consortium@ama-assn.org or by fax to Many Mickles at (312) 464-5706.

Due to the high level of interest in this measurement topic, we regret that we may be unable to accommodate all PCPI member requests for participation.