

Improving Diagnostic Quality and Safety Final Report.

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Although [diagnostic error](#) is a well-recognized source of preventable patient harm, [measuring](#) and mitigating diagnostic error remains challenging. This [National Quality Forum](#) report describes the development of a framework to assist with measuring diagnostic quality and safety. The framework outlines 3 domains and 11 subdomains for measuring diagnostic quality and safety as well as 62 prioritized measure concepts. High-priority areas for measure development include [timeliness of diagnosis](#), timely follow-up of [test results](#), communication and handoffs, patient-reported diagnostic errors, and patient experience related to diagnostic care. The committee also identified several cross-cutting themes and makes recommendations for researchers seeking to develop measures to improve diagnostic safety. A [PSNet perspective](#) discussed challenges and opportunities regarding diagnostic error.