



## Council of Medical Specialty Societies

### CMSS Releases First Clinical Data Registry Primer

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The Council of Medical Specialty Societies (CMSS) has released the [\*CMSS Primer for the Development and Maturation of Specialty Society Clinical Data Registries \(2016, V.1\)\*](#). The purpose of this Registry Primer is to educate practicing physicians, leaders and staff of specialty societies, national medical boards, registry organizations, and other organizations with current information on:

- Special issues for specialty societies about clinical data registries (CDRs);
- Business of CDRs;
- Brief descriptions of the key players in CDRs;
- Overview of data standards for CDRs; and an
- Overview of quality measures, quality improvement in registries.

“Clinical data registries create an ongoing process of measuring, reporting and improving the quality of care that clinicians provide and are the modern specialist’s best tool for creating a culture of performance improvement in practice,” said Norman Kahn, MD, CMSS Executive Vice President and CEO.

This Registry Primer is intended to serve as background and a resource guide on clinical registry development and implementation for those who are new to this area and those organizations that are interested in remaining current on new and emerging issues. It is a dynamic document that will be updated periodically. The Primer can be found on the CMSS website at [www.cmss.org](http://www.cmss.org).

#### **Save the date!**

The National Quality Registry Network (NQRN<sup>®</sup>), in cooperation with the Council of Medical Specialty Societies, will be hosting its third annual NQRN Registry Conference on Thursday, May 5 in Chicago. Hotel information, registration and a working agenda will be provided at a later date.

#### **About CMSS**

Founded in 1965, the 44 medical society members of the Council of Medical Specialty Societies (CMSS) represent 750,000 physicians in the United States. CMSS member societies collaborate to enhance the quality of care delivered in the U.S. healthcare system and to improve the health of the public.

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