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# Meeting Context and Objectives

- Leverage experiences of MU Stage I and preparation for Stage II to inform thinking for MU Stage III requirements
- What things can be done differently?
- Gather input from spectrum of stakeholders that may look at things differently than before
- HITSC: Guidance to support standards recommendations
- HITPC: Guidance as to what policy tools are available to help users be successful with MU

# Four Panels

Panel 1: High Performing Healthcare Improvement Organizations and Analytics Systems to Support Them

Major Theme: How can IT support improvement organizations quality agenda? forward thinking focus

Panel 2: Clinical Decision Support: The *Improvement* Arm of Quality Improvement

Major Theme: Linking measurement, quality improvement, clinical decision support.

How can we best assure that the clinical quality measures encourage effective clinical decision support?

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## Panel 3: E-Measures

Major Theme: Improving the emeasure landscape.

- How can the meaningful use program best foster innovation in measurement?
- What factors will support evolution of quality measures from a focus on healthcare to a focus on health?
- Incorporating National Quality Strategy

## Panel 4: EHR Vendor Perspectives of Necessary Components of Quality Improvement

Multiple Themes:

- How to support the movement of quality from an organizational perspective to a patient centered perspective-
- How can the meaningful use program best support the goals of data standardization and interoperability?
- Perspectives on care coordination and efficiency

# Observations & Take aways

Consensus across stakeholders in various areas, -  
areas of progress or challenges

Progress, standards setting, toolkit building, data  
dictionaries value set repository to support  
measurement and improvement through  
technology

Desire for outcomes measures, concurrent and  
prospective measurement, process measures  
still have a role,

# Observations & Take aways

Assess roles for federal policy:

- CQM
  - Several layers for intervention and action
  - CQM for MU,
  - Consider state and private measures, QI measurement at enterprise level
- Coordination/Harmonization/Dramatic Acceleration in areas of progress, eg
  - CDSS toolkit to drive improvement against measure; does fed policy have a role? How, and where?
  - Value set repository
  - Data dictionaries
- Facilitate real time interoperability
- Facilitate and/or incent “first movers” related to standards, eg value sets, use of structured data or newer quality emeasures such as functional status, care coordination
- Leveraging the role of the role of the patient,
- Governance and Transparency of information