HOW TO READ THE QUICK REFERENCE GUIDES

Each Reference Guide is divided into the following sections:

Description of the Measure – A brief explanation of the measure and why an organization would consider using it to evaluate a health IT implementation.

Measure Category – One of the following types of outcomes being measured:
- Clinical Outcomes
- Clinical Processes
- Provider Adoption and Attitudes
- Patient Knowledge and Attitudes
- Workflow Impacts
- Financial Impacts

Quality Domain – One of the following four (out of six) Institute of Medicine domains of quality.
- Patient Safety
- Effectiveness
- Efficiency
- Patient Centeredness

Current Findings in Literature – Relevant existing health IT scientific literature on the measure. The aim of this section is to provide evaluators with references they can consult and base their own evaluations upon.

Source of Data for Measures – Suggested data sources to measure the outcome (e.g., chart review, electronic data, billing data).

Methodology for Measurement – Suggested best practices for measurement, including study designs and evaluation.

Analysis Considerations – Issues to consider when planning to use a measure, including the potential risks to studying the particular measure.