

Translating Data Into Information: Organizing Measures

Key Points

- Organizing the measures in your report into composites or categories allows you to provide a great deal of information without overwhelming users.
- Using composites allows you to combine and present related items as a single score. You can present this information in layers so that users have the option of viewing the composite score only or “drilling down” to individual items.
- Measures can be organized in different ways: quality domains, disease or condition, type of measure, and data source. While all of them are feasible, the first two are more likely to be understandable and meaningful to consumers.

To learn more, go to [Organizing Measures to Reduce Information Overload](#).

Questions and Tasks

- Is it feasible to generate a composite score for the measures you are reporting? If so, will you display the composite score only or offer access to the individual measures as well?

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- What models could you use to organize and categorize the measures?

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- Could you categorize measures by quality domain? If so, what categories could you use?
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- Could you categorize measures by disease or condition? If so, what categories could you use?

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- How would you map your measures to various domains of quality or to specific diseases or conditions? Document your decision process, the results of this process, and any unresolved issues.

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- State your plans for testing these organizational schemes. Document any findings and implications for changing the model.

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- Learn more about [Translating Data Into Information](#).
- List [all topics in the Checklist](#).