

## COMMUNIQUE First Quarter 2022

The first quarter of 2022 came and is already something of the past.

The world looked forward to 2022 as the year in which the burden from Covid-19 is going to ease and economies can be opened again and allowed to grow. Unknown to us was the beginning of a war in the east of Europe, and the implications it would have on global economies, already under much pressure.

In 2022 HQA will be reporting on health quality for the 18<sup>th</sup> year consecutively. Preparations are underway to request data from participating medical schemes for the 2022 annual reports. During the first quarter of 2022 the CAB continued its annual review process of the health quality indicators and data specs will be aligned accordingly. HQA will continue to enhance the value of its analysis and reporting to participating funders through enriching the dataset, standardising definitions and coding, reviewing and improving the quality metrics and a user-friendly reporting system aimed at optimising the value of participation.

A working group consisting of representatives from private hospitals and members of the HQA CAB was formed with the aim to standardise definitions used for measuring, for example admissions and length of stays.

A meeting will be convened in the second quarter of 2022 with health actuaries and data/coding specialists in order to review the technical methodologies applied by HQA. The purpose of the meeting will be to improve on transparency and standardisation. Nominees for attending this meeting are invited.

A working group for developing a registry for prostate cancer is in the process of being developed. A questionnaire is being circulated amongst urologists to assess an interest and willingness to participate. Those not involved yet and with an interest and capacity to contribute are welcome to contact Dr Jacqui Miot [jacqui.miot@gmail.com](mailto:jacqui.miot@gmail.com)

HQA is pleased to announce the joining of Mediclinic as a new member and active participant in all HQA's working groups.

Planning for HQA's annual Industry Results Presentation and Clinical Quality Conference in August is underway. Suggestions for topics, speakers, discussion papers and panel sessions are being invited.

HQA continues to seek collaboration with funders, clinicians, facilities and all relevant stakeholders. As an independent, non-profit and public benefit organisation, HQA has been established to serve the needs of all role players in jointly developing a set of national guidelines and standards for measuring and reporting on health and clinical quality.

In line with an increase in activities and a growing number of focus areas HQA has to strengthen its internal capacity and is seeking the assistance of a clinical person with a specific interest and experience in clinical quality management/measurement, supported by strong project management and interpersonal skills.

Last but not the least, HQA could not have come this far or aspire to grow even further without the support of its Board, actuarial and clinical consultants, the chair and members of the CAB, Registry Working Group, Hospital Standardised Definitions Working Group, support staff, all its member organisations, participants and stakeholders. Thank you all!

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**“Start by doing what’s necessary, then do what’s possible,  
and suddenly you are doing the impossible.” Francis of Assisi**

