

Benefits of using the Nursing Home Quality Initiative (NHQI) data

- The NHQI provides nursing homes, associations, and consumers with a resource for comparing the quality of care and performance among nursing homes in New York State.
- With the addition of future NHQIs, the data will provide the public with a way to compare performance and quality over time, both in one nursing home and across nursing homes. However, changes in measure specifications, and the deletion or addition of measures limit the ability to trend this data. The NHQI will likely undergo modifications and improvements as its usefulness is assessed over time.
- The NHQI compares nursing homes to their peers in New York State instead of a national cohort, which is done for the CMS Nursing Home Compare. Therefore, the NHQI may provide information that is more reflective of the nursing home culture and care provided in New York State.
- The NHQI includes New York State-specific measures that are not reported elsewhere.