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NPQR is a quality improvement and benchmarking program ASCP established in 2016. The registry is launching in fall 2017.

The NPQR aims to improve patient outcomes by helping laboratories assess and optimize their quality and performance in key ways:
• Monitoring appropriate utilization of laboratory testing.
• Improving pre-analytical processes.
• Optimizing turnaround time and critical value reporting.
• Establishing best practices through national and peer group comparisons.
• Assessing analytical and diagnostic accuracy.

Additionally, ASCP members and others who participate will be able to use NPQR to satisfy quality reporting requirements from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' (CMS) Quality Payment Program (QPP), under the Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS).

Jeff Jacobs, the Chief Officer of Science, Technology, and Policy at ASCP, made the following statement: "ASCP is looking forward to working with the Halfpenny team to build the National Pathology Quality Registry. We performed an extensive national search through our partner IMPAQ Strategy to find the very best clinical data integration partner. We chose Halfpenny Technologies for clinical data exchange because of their industry-leading expertise in managing the exchange of patient data. We believe the registry will be very well received in the medical community and have long lasting positive impact to our clients and their patients."

"Our extensive experience working with disparate Anatomic Pathology and Laboratory Information Systems with large, complex integration projects will facilitate collecting and normalizing the data from the Participating Registry Organizations.", said Tim Kowalski, President and CEO of Halfpenny Technologies. "We are excited to be partnering with the premier Registry in the industry, helping them improve patient care."

NPQR will emphasize elements amenable to integration within existing laboratory information systems (LISs) to minimize the need for manual data entry, and thus break down barriers for laboratories and practices to participate.

About ASCP
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