



## Tips for NSPAR Survey Completion

When completing an NSPAR questionnaire about a physician, it is useful to remember that the purpose of NSPAR is to provide constructive feedback for practice improvement and professional development, so:

- Be as objective and honest as possible so that you are providing the most useful feedback to guide the physician's future plans for quality improvement and professional development activities.
- Remember that your scores will not be identifiable in any way. The physician you are reviewing will not see the scores of individual reviewers, only the average scores.
- The rating scale ranges from "1" to "5", where "1" indicates that you feel this physician is 'among the worst' compared to other physicians you know, "5" indicates that you feel this physician is 'among the best' of the physicians you know, and "3" ('average') indicates that you feel this physician is neither better or worse than the other physicians you know.
- If you feel you are unable to assess particular items because you don't have enough information or they are not relevant to you and your relationship to this physician, please use the "UA" column. This is important to do.
- One term may need explanation:  
Questions 16 through 19 refer to the 'psychosocial' aspects of care. "Psycho-social aspects of care" refer to the "non-medical" aspects of patient care, such as sensitivity to personal and social factors which may influence patients' health and life, responding to the patient as a person, and incorporating family or significant others in the patient's care, when appropriate.

**Please note:** The NSPAR questionnaires used for surgical and medical specialties do not refer to psychosocial aspects of care.