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E-QUAL and MIPS

Did you know that the new [Quality Payment Program](#) will gradually transform Medicare payments for more than 600,000 clinicians across the country, including virtually every emergency clinician?

E-QUAL Learning Collaboratives

[Sepsis](#)

[Reducing Avoidable Imaging](#)

[Chest Pain](#)

If your ED care for patients insured by Medicare, then you are likely to participate in the Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) where you will earn a performance-based payment adjustments based on work as early as January 1, 2017. In MIPS, you earn a payment adjustment based on performance across 4 categories linked to quality and value of patient care.

1. Quality
2. Advancing Care Information
3. Cost
4. Clinical Practice Improvement Activities (CPIA)

Emergency clinicians will only be measured on Quality and CPIA for 2017. By participating in E-QUAL you can earn several medium weight CPIA credits.



Reduce Avoidable Testing
for low risk patients through implementation
of Choosing Wisely Recommendations

Join the Avoidable Imaging Wave II Learning Collaborative!

The Avoidable Imaging Wave II learning collaborative will be launching in March and will continue through November. By participating in the learning collaborative your ED group will

- Meet new CMS MIPS requirements for Clinical Practice Improvement Activities

- Meet TJC OPPE requirements and meeting MOC Practice Improvement Activity

- Submit and receive benchmarking data

- Feature ED's commitment to high value care to payers

- Provide ED with access to initiative aligned with CMS hospital quality reporting and payment initiatives

To sign up contact E-QUAL Network at equal@acep.org for more information!

Deadline to sign up for Avoidable Imaging Wave II is 3/17/17

Avoidable Imaging Informational Webinar

Want to find out more about the Avoidable Imaging Wave II learning collaborative? Attend an informational webinar to gain a better understanding on what is to be expected during the learning period of Wave II, benefits of participating and answer any questions you may have.

Thursday, February 16th

3:30-4:00 pm EST

[Register Today!](#)

Thursday, March 16th

1:30-2:00 pm EST

[Register Today!](#)



Improve Outcomes
for patients with sepsis

February Sepsis Webinar

For sites that are participating in the Sepsis Wave II learning collaborative, join us on February 15th to learn more about the E-QUAL portal features and how to submit your bench marking data for Activity Two.

Wednesday, February 15th

12:00-1:00pm EST

[Register Today!](#)

Pacific Northwest Sepsis Conference

The Pacific Northwest Sepsis Conference is a two-day conference that will explore sepsis through the continuum of care. Speakers include local, national, and international sepsis experts, from large academic medical centers to critical access hospitals. We will examine the updated international guidelines of care and science behind these evidence-based recommendations and will also address the current CMS guidelines and how they are applied in sepsis care. Additional sessions include exploring novel therapies in sepsis, Ebola disease, fluid management, antibiotic timing, and “The Cure for Sepsis.”

Breakout sessions will use expert panels to offer an in-depth look at data, quality, and performance improvement in sepsis, cutting-edge clinical topics in sepsis care, and pediatric sepsis. Additional sessions featuring multidisciplinary care providers include challenging case studies of sepsis and nursing-lead sepsis care.

Full agenda and registration information can be found here: <http://www.uwmedicine.org/referrals/sepsis-conference> or email sepsis@uw.edu for further information.

Questions?

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