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Sign up to Participate in E-QUAL's 2018 Learning Collaboratives!

Deadlines to Enroll in each 2018 Learning Collaborative

Sepsis Initiative Wave III

February 21, 2018

Avoidable Imaging Initiative Wave III

March 22, 2018

Chest Pain Initiative Wave II

April 19, 2018

To sign-up please visit the [E-QUAL Homepage](#) and click on the green E-QUAL Initiatives Portal button.

How To Notify CMS of your Site's IA Credit

At the end of the learning collaborative, E-QUAL will provide each participating ED site a certificate (pictured below) for use as evidence for any audit/attestation of the IAs completed by that site and the ECs/NPIs submitted to E-QUAL as working at that site.

Current CMS guidance regarding IA reporting is available on the [QPP website](#).

Certificate of Completion

The American College of Emergency Physicians certifies that

NAME of ED

has participated in the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Transforming Clinical Practice Initiative (TCPI) funded Emergency Quality Network (E-QUAL) Sepsis Wave II Initiative

Your site completed the following Sepsis Wave II Activities in 2017:

[INSERT LIST]

Several activities meet the guidance necessary to earn Clinical Proactive Improvement Activity (CPIA) credit for the CMS Merit Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS).



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Register Today: [E-QUAL General Office Hours](#) - **LIVE** Webinar

December 13, 2017 from 1:00 PM - 1:45 PM EST



Improve Outcomes
for patients with sepsis

Sepsis Portal Activities

As participants in the [Sepsis Wave II learning collaborative](#), please make sure to continue to complete the portal activities. We recommend that you complete one activity per month. At this time your site should be working on **Activity 11 "Post Wave II Quality**

Readiness Assessment".

The Sepsis Portal will close and become inaccessible on **December 20th**. Please make sure to submit all of your site's necessary information beforehand.

Webinar Review



Achieving the Triple Aim in Critical Care Using Advanced IT and Business Strategy

Timothy Buchman, MD

Cheryl Hiddleston, MSN, RN, CCRN-E

Our webinar this month aimed to help care givers with:

- Understanding tele ICU services.
- Illustrating the impact and aggregate benefit of tele ICU services on quality, value, and access for critically ill patients, families, and care providers.

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Sepsis eCME

[Balancing Antibiotic Stewardship with Sepsis](#)

To view all of E-QUAL's Sepsis Initiative eCME, click [here](#).

Sepsis Podcast

[Fluid Pressors Management Including Challenging Cases and Exceptions](#)

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Reduce Avoidable Testing

for low risk patients through implementation
of Choosing Wisely Recommendations

Avoidable Imaging Portal Activities

As participants in the [Avoidable Imaging Wave II](#) learning collaborative, please make sure to continue to complete the portal activities. We recommend that you complete one activity per month. At this time your site should be working on **Activity 7 "Front-Line Engagement"**.

The submission deadline for Activity 10 is **January 19th**.

To receive a benchmarking report, your site must complete Activity 10 by the deadline.

Webinar Review



Head Trauma (Clinical Topic)
Edward Melnick, MD, MHS
Adam Sharp, MD, MS

Our webinar this month aimed to help care givers by:

- Illustrating that low risk adult head trauma patients do not benefit from head CTs.
- Discussing the role of traditional decision support in moderately decreased CT use.
- Stating the importance of focusing on doctor patient communication and the role of IT interfaces in facilitating this communication.

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Avoidable Imaging eCME

Evaluation and Management of Back Pain

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Avoidable Imaging Podcast

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Improve The Value

of ED chest pain evaluation by reducing avoidable testing and admissions of low risk patients

Chest Pain Portal Activities

As participants in the [Chest Pain Wave I](#) learning collaborative, please make sure to continue to complete the portal activities. We recommend that you complete one activity per month. At this time your site should be working on **Activity 4 "Download and Review Data"**.

Webinar Review

Ruling Patients Out: Do We Need Chest Pain Protocols and Coordinated Care Pathways?

Erik P. Hess, MD, MSc

W. Franklin Peacock, MD

Simon A. Mahler, MD, MS

Our webinar this month aimed to help care givers by:

- Illustrating and discuss troponin-only pathways for ruling out AMI.
- Justifying the importance of including a decision rule.



- Explaining that ADP will only perform well if implemented well.
- Discuss stakeholder buy-in, EMR implementation, and tracking outcomes and adherences.

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Chest Pain eCME

[Making the Most Out of an Observation Stay](#)

To view all of E-QUAL's Chest Pain Initiative eCME click [here](#).

Chest Pain Podcast

[Biomarker Testing in Chest Pain – Past, Present, and Future](#)

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Quality Tip of the Month



"Consider the pretest probability of underlying obstructive coronary artery disease before ordering a diagnostic



stress test in a patient who has negative troponins and normal electrocardiogram."

Kristen Newby, MD, FACC, Duke University

Interested in providing Quality Tips from your experiences? Your tip will be highlighted and credited to you, as shown above. Please contact us at equal@acep.org.

Frequently Asked Questions



Question:

Can one provider recruit others to perform some of the initiatives even if only he/she registered?

Answers:

Yes.

Each E-QUAL collaborative is designed to support team, and group, based practice improvement. Additional individuals associated with your group's account on the E-QUAL portal can help with the monthly activities.

If you have any further questions, please reach out to us at equal@acep.org.

For other questions please visit our updated [FAQ page](#). If your question has not been answered, please e-mail us at equal@acep.org.

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