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# E-QUAL EMERGENCY QUALITY NETWORK

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

**Deadlines to Enroll in each 2018 Learning Collaborative** 

Avoidable Imaging Initiative Wave III

March 21, 2018

Chest Pain Initiative Wave II

April 18, 2018

To sign-up please visit the **E-QUAL Homepage** and click on the green E-QUAL Initiatives Portal button.

## **E-QUAL Learning Collaboratives**

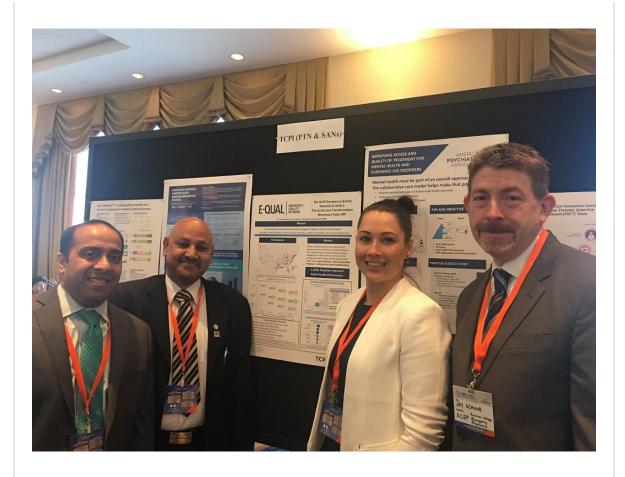
Sepsis | Avoidable Imaging | Chest Pain

### **CMS 2017 Quality Conference**

The Emergency Quality Network (E-QUAL), the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) SAN is supporting TCPI aims of practice transformation by reporting on baseline and improvements in ED practice transformation, based on the ACEP SAN quality readiness assessment. Within the second year of TCPI, E-QUAL collected baseline and improvement readiness data from 863 EDs on topics including ED's readiness for alternative payment models, engagement in QPP and the use of current QI strategies for each E-QUAL QI target area: sepsis outcomes, reducing avoidable imaging and reducing chest pain hospitalizations.

## **View Poster**

Pictured below from left to right: Arjun Venkatesh, Pawan Goyal, Nalani Tarrant, Jay Schuur



# **Data Submission**



Clinicians can now submit all of their 2017 MIPS data through one platform on the **QPP** website.

Data can be submitted and updated any time from **January 2**, **2018 to March 31**, **2018.** Clinicians are encouraged to log-in early to familiarize themselves with the system.

To accompany the opening of the data submission period, CMS released a <u>fact sheet</u>, <u>press release</u>, and the following instructional videos:

- Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) Data Submission
- Advancing Care Information (ACI) Data Submission for Alternative Payment <u>Models (APMs)</u>
- Data Submission via a Qualified Clinical Data Registry and Qualified Registry

Time remaining until the March 31st QPP Data Submission Deadline: 18 Days

# **Quality Tip of the Month**





"Be broad, but not indiscriminate in antibiotic choice. Choose antibiotics that cover all likely sources of infection and nothing else."

Jessica Whittle, MD, PhD, University of Tennessee

Interested in providing Quality Tips from your experiences? Your tip will be highlighted and credited to you, as shown above. Please contact us at <a href="mailto:equal@acep.org">equal@acep.org</a>.

# **Frequently Asked Questions**



#### Question:

How does our site attest earned IA credits to CMS?

#### **Answers:**

At the end of the learning collaborative, E-QUAL will provide each participating ED site a certificate 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**.

Keep up-to-date with the latest QPP information by subscribing to the QPP listserv. Visit the **QPP website**, scroll to the bottom of the page and click "Subscribe to Updates".



# 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 Inventive Payment System (MIPS).





For other questions please visit our updated <u>FAQ page</u>. If your question has not been answered, please e-mail us at <u>equal@acep.org</u>.

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