



E-QUAL Learning Collaboratives

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Upcoming Deadlines:

Stroke Initiative:

Activity 6:

*Submit data from **July 2021 to October 2021** for benchmarking local stroke care performance. Data must be submitted by **Friday, December 3, 2021***

Opioid Initiative:

Activity 6:

Identify best practices for implementation and submit evidence of select interventions to earn CMS MIPS IA credit

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Questions?

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Quality Tip of the Month



Establishing an opioid quality improvement project in your ED can reduce the numbers of opioid prescriptions given.

Dr. Scott Weiner, MD, MPH, Brigham and Women's Hospital

HRSA

Health Resources & Services Administration

The Biden-Harris Administration is providing free access to COVID-19 vaccines for every adult living in the United States. Accordingly, the Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) COVID-19 Coverage Assistance Fund (CAF) will cover the costs of administering COVID-19 vaccines to patients whose health insurance doesn't cover vaccine administration fees, or does but typically has patient cost-sharing. While patients cannot be billed directly for COVID-19 vaccine fees, costs to health care providers on the front lines for administering COVID-19 vaccines to underinsured patients will now be fully covered through CAF, subject to available funding. As vaccination efforts accelerate, patients will increasingly gain access to COVID-19 vaccines at locations near where they live with providers they trust [read more...](#)



Your Meeting, Your Way!

BMS/Pfizer Atrial Fibrillation Initiative

As a past or current participant in ACEP's quality projects, **ACEP invites emergency departments, emergency groups and individual clinicians to join the BMS/Pfizer Atrial Fibrillation Initiative.** This project focuses on the initiation of anticoagulation in the ED, or referral/admission for anticoagulation, for patients who are at risk of emboli and stroke associated with atrial fibrillation. Though sponsored by BMS/Pfizer, this is about using any type of anticoagulation for these high-risk patients. We know that nearly 85 percent of patients with a history of atrial fibrillation who had an acute ischemic stroke did not receive guideline-recommended anticoagulation. We also know that emergency physicians have the ability to reach some of these individuals.

Similar to ACEP's successful **E-Qual** and CEDR models, this quality program provides ED-specific guidance and education, along with real-time benchmarking to see how your department is performing compared to other EDs. The time commitment is low – we estimate you'll need less than one hour per month for data collection and input. Let our team handle the clerical burden while you focus on your patients.

This **FREE** program is a way to capture EM physician-level outcomes data on how your patients are being assessed for the risk associated with atrial fibrillation, and how stroke and other bad outcomes are being prevented. BMS/Pfizer Atrial Fibrillation Initiative participants receive:

- Atrial Fibrillation QI package ready for rapid implementation
- Current Afib education, including direct guidance from ACEP's Afib Task Force
- Real time benchmarking data for national comparisons
- Easy engagement through your CME catalog

Note: Unlike **E-Qual**, enrollment is not restricted to EDs only – it is open to individuals as well. This Initiative is a shorter 5-month program as compared to **E-QUAL**'s 6-9 month Initiatives.

Enroll Now!

Deadline: Nov 7th, 2021

Frequently Asked Questions



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