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Questions?

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On October 14, 2016 CMS finalized its policy implementing the Merit-Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) and the Advanced Alternative Payment Model (APM) incentive payment provisions in the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA), collectively referred to as the Quality Payment Program.

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

If your ED care for patients insured by Medicare, then you are likely to participate in MIPS where you 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

By participating in the E-QUAL Network learning collaboratives you will earn credit towards the fulfillment of the Clinical Practice Improvement Activity category. Sign up today to enroll into the 2017 learning collaborative waves by contacting Nalani Tarrant at ntarrant@acep.org! Deadline to sign up is November 30th.



Improve Outcomes for patients with sepsis

FREE CME CREDIT

- [Get the BP Up! The Who, When and Why of Today's Sepsis Fluid Therapy](#)
- [Rapid Fire: Surviving Sepsis Today - Critical Endpoints or Just Common Sense](#)
- [Vascular Access and Treatment of Shock in Children](#)

Sepsis Wave II

E-QUAL will be launching the [Sepsis Learning Collaborative Wave II](#) in January 2017.

To sign up:

Step 1: Contact [Nalani Tarrant](#) to confirm group's participation in Wave II.

Step 2: Directors or an assigned leader in the clinician group will need to complete the [E-QUAL Readiness Assessment survey](#).

Deadline to sign up for Sepsis Wave II is November 30th

Sep-1 Challenge

Interested in learning how your preliminary performance on CMS SEP-1 matches up?

Want to see how your SEP-1 performance lines up with other EDs?

[Submit data to the confidential, de-identified E-QUAL SEP-1 Challenge!](#)

What is the SEP-1 Challenge?

E-QUAL is collecting self-reported, confidential and de-identified data from EDs across the country on the CMS SEP-1 measure. No additional data collection required! Just submit the preliminary data that your hospital has provided you already! This data submission only takes 10 minutes and benchmarking summary report will be published in 30 days!

Data collected:

SEP-1 draft measure score

Numerator

Denominator

Process metrics if available (lactate, IVF, antibiotics, etc.)

Why join the SEP-1 Challenge?

- Get exclusive access to early benchmarking data on the new CMS SEP-1 sepsis measure to guide local QI efforts (only sites submitting preliminary SEP-1 results will receive the confidential, de-identified SEP-1 results summary report initially)
- Prepare hospital leadership for national expectations on initial SEP-1 performance
- Help the emergency medicine community demonstrate the value of emergency sepsis care and identify improvements in the measure for CMS

[Submit data for SEP-1 Challenge](#)

Deadline to submit data: Monday, November 18th



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

FREE CME CREDIT

- [Avoiding Unnecessary X-Rays: Evidence-Based Rules for Radiography](#)
- [ED MRI: Magnetic Solution or Dangerous Delusion?](#)
- [Evaluation and Management of Back Pain](#)
- [Skip the Scan! Effective Diagnostic Trauma Imaging](#)
- [The ACEP Guide to Completing ABEM MOC PI Activities, Module 4: Imaging in Patients with Mild Traumatic Brain Injury](#)

October Avoidable Imaging Webinar: Drivers of Over Ordering

Join us on Thursday, October 27th for our next [Avoidable Imaging Initiative](#) webinar with Drs. Jeff Kline, Kevin Klauer, and Rachel Lindor.

The webinar will focus on topics including:

- *Tribe mentality- Anthropology of over ordering with Dr. Jeff Kline*
- *Does ordering more CTs protect you? Medical liability and avoidable imaging, with Dr. Kevin Klauer*
- *Head CT decision rules and liability with Dr. Rachel Lindor*

Avoidable Webinar
Thursday, October 27th
1:00pm-2:00pm EST
[**Register Today!**](#)

Avoidable Imaging Initiative Webinar Series

All webinars take place from 1:00pm-2:00pm EST

Date	Topic
Thursday November 17 Register	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PECARN • Data Collection- CEDR and Quality/Performance Measures
Thursday December 8 Register	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PAMA and the future of imaging decisions support and quality measurement • Powerful Words and Phrases