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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.

Data Submission

CMS CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES
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CMS has launched a new data submission system for clinicians participating in QPP. 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 **fact sheet**, **press release**, and the following instructional videos:

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

E-QUAL Learning Collaboratives

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Sepsis Activities

Sepis Wave II is now closed.

Your site will receive a Certificate of Completion by January 31st, 2018.

How To Notify CMS of your Site's IA Credit

E-QUAL will provide each ED site a certificate for use as evidence for attestation of the IAs completed by that site. Each participating site will have to attest to IA completion to CMS. Current CMS guidance regarding IA reporting is available on the **QPP website** and in the above paragraph.

Sepis Wave III is open for enrollment!

The deadline to enroll into Sepsis Wave III is **February 21, 2018.** To sign-up please visit the **E-QUAL Homepage** and click on the green E-QUAL Initiatives Portal button (pictured below).

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

Avoidable Imaging Wave II Portal Activities

As participants in the **Avoidable Imaging Wave II** learning collaborative, please make sure to continue to complete the portal activities. At this time your site should be working on **Activity 10 "Benchmarking II"** and on **Activity 11 "Post Wave II Quality Readiness Assessment".**

The submission deadline for Activity 10 is **Friday, January 19**[th]*.*
To receive a benchmarking report, your site must complete Activity 10 by the deadline.

The Avoidable Imaging Wave II Portal will close and become inaccessible on **Wednesday, January 31st***. Please make sure to submit all of your site's necessary information beforehand.*

Webinar Review

M&M and Overtesting: How to Discuss Diagnostic Error Without Causing Unnecessary Imaging
Jay Schuur, MD, MHS

Our webinar this month aimed to help care givers by:

- Reviewing the role of diagnostic erring in EM and contributing factors to diagnostic error.
- Reviewing the role of morbidity and mortality (M&M) in conference with overtesting.

- Discussing strategies to review cases of diagnostic error while encouraging appropriate testing.

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Avoidable Imaging eCME

Skip the Scan! Effective Diagnostic Trauma Imaging

To view all of E-QUAL's Avoidable Imaging Initiative eCME, click **here**.

Avoidable Imaging Podcast

Drivers of Over Ordering & Malpractice

To view all of E-QUAL's Avoidable Imaging Initiative podcasts, click **here**.

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

Chest Pain Wave I Portal Activities

As participants in the **Chest Pain Wave I** learning collaborative, please make sure to continue to complete the portal activities. At this time your site should be working on

Activity 10 "Benchmarking II" and on **Activity 11 "Post Wave II Quality Readiness Assessment".**
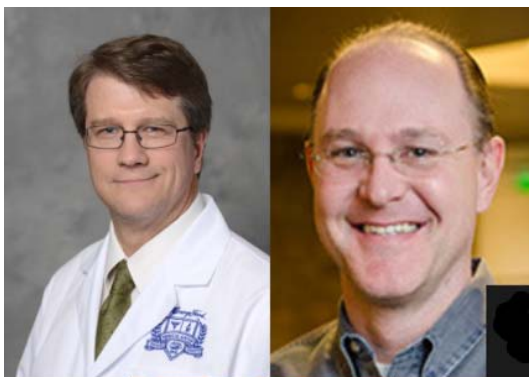
The submission deadline for Activity 10 is *January 19th**.*
To receive a benchmarking report, your site must complete Activity 10 by the deadline.

The Chest Pain Wave I Portal will close and become inaccessible on
Wednesday, January 31st*. Please make sure to submit all of your site's necessary information beforehand.*

Webinar Review

What Defines Quality in Chest Pain? Metrics, Outliers, and Actions
Jim McCord, MD
Chris Pergrem, MD
Josh Baugh, MD, MPP

Our webinar this month aimed to help care givers by:

- Defining quality of care for low risk chest pain patients in the ED.
- Discussing how to measure quality of care.
- Illustrating how to improve the efficacy of low risk chest pain intervention with quality data.

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Chest Pain eCME

Biomarker Testing in Chest Pain – Past, Present, and Future

To view all of E-QUAL's Chest Pain Initiative eCME click **here**.

Chest Pain Podcast

Risk Stratification Scores and Shared Decision Making

To view all of E-QUAL's Chest Pain Initiative podcasts click **here**.

Quality Tip of the Month

"EDs play an important role in obtaining cultures prior to administration of antibiotics that allows for tailoring of antibiotic therapy."

Lauren Epstein, MD, MSc, CDC

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:
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".

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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).

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