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E-QUAL Publication

[Preliminary Performance on the New CMS Sepsis-1 National Quality Measure: Early Insights From the Emergency Quality Network \(E-QUAL\)](#)

E-QUAL's first publication is a guide to EDs and policymakers on current CMS SEP-1 performance and ED sepsis best practices implementation.

E-QUAL Learning Collaboratives

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Improve Outcomes for patients with sepsis

Sepsis Portal Activities

Register Today: [Sepsis Office Hours](#) - **LIVE** Webinar

September 26th, 2017 from 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM EST

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 8 "Assess performance"**.

Webinar Review



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

[Timothy Buchman, MD](#)

[Cheryl Hiddleson, MSN, RN, CCRN-E](#)

Our webinar this month aimed to help care givers on:

- 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

[Watch Webinar](#)
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Sepsis eCME

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

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

Sepsis Podcast

[New recommendations from the Surviving Sepsis Campaign, and What do they Mean for the Emergency Department?](#)

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

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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 3 "Engage with Radiology and Review Project Plan"**.

Webinar Review



Low Back Pain (Clinical Topic) **Jonathan Edlow, MD**

Our webinar this month aimed to help care givers on:

- Reducing imaging ordered for patients with atraumatic low back pain
- Using evidence-based guidelines and provider involvement to facilitate reduced imaging

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Avoidable Imaging eCME

[Working with Radiology to Reduce avoidable imaging: Misconceptions and Frustrations about Emergency Medicine and Radiology](#)

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

Avoidable Imaging Podcast

[Working with Radiology to Reduce Avoidable Imaging](#)

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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 2 "Benchmarking"**. The submission deadline for Activity 2 is **September 29th** in order to receive a benchmarking report.

Webinar Review

Biomarker Testing in Chest Pain -
Past, Present, and Future
[W. Franklin Peacock, MD, FACEP,
FACC](#)



Robert H. Christenson, Ph.D., DABCC, FACB, FACC

Our webinar this month aimed to help care givers on:

- Discussing ideal characteristics for chest pain biomarkers from a clinical and laboratory perspective
- Analyzing and assessing high-sensitivity troponin as a chest pain biomarker

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Chest Pain eCME

[Risk Stratification Scores and Shared Decision Making](#)

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

Chest Pain Podcast

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Quality Tip of the Month



"To facilitate the timely diagnosis of STEMI patients, consider using evidence based 'Rapid ECG criteria' to help triage nurses identify which patients need an ECG within ten minutes of ED arrival. For example (Graff criteria): patients over age 30 with chest pain, and patients over



age 50 with shortness of breath, syncope, palpitations, and general weakness."

Mike Ross, MD, Emory 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:

How does our site claim Improvement Activity(IA) credit?

Answer:

E-QUAL will provide each 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. If your TIN includes multiple ED sites, then your TIN may receive multiple certificates of completion. Each TIN or EC will have to attest to IA completion to CMS unless they are using CEDR to submit quality measures and IAs. If you (TIN or EC) are using CEDR for quality reporting then CEDR will report completion of E-QUAL associated Improvement activities for you to CMS. Current CMS guidance regarding IA reporting is available on the [QPP website](#).

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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Registration is open for the two upcoming TCPI Clinicians webinar events!

The purpose of the August clinician events is for CMS to be in dialogue with TCPI-enrolled clinicians. CMS wants to hear reactions from the TCPI Clinician community regarding practice transformation. Specifically, in August 2017, the calls will be focused on:

- Practice performance on the TCPI aims (and how transformation prepared practices for QPPs), and
- Addressing the U.S. opioid crisis and effective medication management

TCPI Clinician Event 1: [Click on the dates below to register](#)

August Primary Care Clinician Events

[Tuesday, August 22nd 6:30pm - 7:30pm EST](#)

[Tuesday, August 22nd 8:00pm - 9:00pm EST](#)

August Specialty Care Clinician Events

[Wednesday, August 23rd 6:30pm - 7:30pm EST](#)

[Wednesday, August 23rd 8:00pm - 9:00pm EST](#)

Events scheduled for evening hours to allow for as many clinicians to participate without interrupting their workday.

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