Performance measurement

Wanted: Organizations leading the way in eCQM Proven Practices

In its efforts to support organizations in their adoption of electronic clinical quality measure (eCQMs), The Joint Commission is accepting applications for the 2019 Pioneers in Quality™ Proven Practices Collection. These success stories from Joint Commission-accredited hospitals and health systems can be used as learning tools that demonstrate how leveraging eCQMs and health information technology (IT) can drive quality improvement.

Applications may only be submitted online and are due by 11:59 p.m. CT on April 5, 2019.

Topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

- Demonstrating success in improving clinical performance or outcomes utilizing eCQMs.
- Robust and integrated clinical decision support into electronic health record (EHR) workflows and quality measurement.
- Optimizing clinical workflow and eCQM collection to support quality care.
- Improving or ensuring eCQM data quality and accuracy.
- Innovative use of staffing (e.g., quality, informatics, clinical roles) or governance to support eCQM implementation.
- Educating clinicians on quality improvement and electronic data collection.

Organizations can earn recognition in one of two categories for the Pioneers in Quality program:

- **Expert Contributors**: Hospitals that advance the evolution and utilization of eCQMs through contributions by submitting a Proven Practice selected for inclusion within The Joint Commission's Proven Practices Collection and presenting their solution on a Pioneers in Quality™ webinar.
- **Solution Contributors**: Hospitals that submit a Proven Practice to be considered for inclusion within The Joint Commission's Proven Practices Collection.

View the 2017-2018 Proven Practices Collection or learn more about the Pioneers in Quality program.

Submit a proven practice. (Contact: pioneersinquality@jointcommission.org)

Quality and safety

QI projects receive grants to improve antimicrobial stewardship in Asia-Pacific region

The Joint Commission, working with Pfizer Independent Grants for Learning & Change (IGLC), has selected six international quality improvement (QI) projects to receive funding as part of a two-year grant to improve antimicrobial stewardship in the Asia-Pacific region.

Antimicrobial resistance threatens the ability to treat common infectious diseases and can result in illness, disability and death. Conversely, antimicrobial stewardship can help prevent the development of multidrug-resistant organisms and reduce unnecessary drug use and costs.

Grantee projects and their recipients include:

- Application of a Comprehensive Unit-Based Safety Program to Improve Antimicrobial Stewardship at a Tertiary Care Hospital in India (India), Global Health Private Limited
• International Network for Asia-Pacific Antimicrobial Stewardship (India, Micronesia, Nepal and the Philippines), Henry Ford Health System
• Establishing Antimicrobial Stewardship in Cambodia (Cambodia and Singapore), Saw Swee Hock School of Public Health
• Implementation of the National Antimicrobial Prescribing Survey and Identification of Target to Improve Judicious Use of Antimicrobials and Evaluation of Interventions to Address Target in Two Malaysian Teaching Hospitals (Malaysia), University of Malaya Medical Center
• Improving Antibiotic Prescribing Through Action Planning, Educational Interventions, and Data Feedback: A Multicenter Pilot Study to Assess Feasibility and Impact of Antimicrobial Stewardship Programs in a Network of Acute Care Hospitals in Vietnam (Vietnam), University of Oxford
• Developing a Model to Address Antimicrobial Stewardship in Primary Care Facilities and Pharmacies in Zhejiang Province, China (China), University of Zhejiang

“The Joint Commission is pleased to work closely with the six grantees as their projects make scientific or academic progress,” said Scott Williams, PsyD, director, Department of Research, The Joint Commission. “We believe the projects can help accelerate the development and adoption of evidence-based approaches that have the capacity to prevent or contain antimicrobial resistance and support the appropriate use of antimicrobial agents.”

The grantees were selected by an expert panel. The projects are anticipated to be completed by early 2022. Learn more about antimicrobial stewardship.

Resources

Register now for 2019 Physician Leader Forum
Are you a chief medical officer, vice president of medical affairs or a physician chief of staff? Request your invitation for the Joint Commission’s 2019 annual Physician Leader Forum, scheduled for April 16-17, in Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois.

This event allows you to:
• Network with fellow physician leaders.
• Learn from experts.
• Discuss important topics in quality improvement and patient safety.
• Earn continuing medical education (CME) credits.

Watch this short video to learn more about this unique experience or request your invitation.

Up in the blogosphere with The Joint Commission
High Reliability Healthcare — How Highly Reliable is Your Organization? Last month, Joint Commission International President Paula Wilson presented at the 2019 Arab Health Exhibition — the largest gathering of health care and trade professionals in the Middle East and North Africa regions. Her article is being reprinted with permission from Arab Health Daily Dose.

Joint Commission Resources

JCR book on nurses’ role in preventing sentinel events receives 4-star review
A book co-published by Joint Commission Resources and the American Nurses Association has received a four-star rating from Doody’s Review Service™.

“Front Line of Defense: The Role of Nurses in Preventing Sentinel Events, 3rd Edition” was reviewed by Debra DellaRatta, MSN, CPHQ, of James A. Haley Veterans’ Hospital.
“I love this book,” DellaRatta wrote as part of the review. “The chapters/topics are near and dear to my heart. It is a splendid and much-needed updated.”

The book offers practical guidance on what nurses can do to both identify and help prevent sentinel events in the hospital, ambulatory care, behavioral health care, home care, and nursing care settings. This new edition notes the many updates that have happened since the second edition was published in 2007.

Some key features of the book include:

- Connections to Joint Commission standards and National Patient Safety Goals.
- Real-world examples of sentinel events, near misses, and close calls — all relevant to the nurse’s perspective.
- Sidebars offering in-depth analyses on timely topics.
- Practical infographics, figures, and tables.

Learn more about “Front Line of Defense: The Role of Nurses in Preventing Sentinel Events.”

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