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Calling all hospital leaders—help your clinicians join this national emergency care quality movement!

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Hospital leaders both in and outside the C-Suite are increasingly looking to the ED to lead and accelerate effort to improve quality and lower cost. The [Emergency Quality Network \(E-QUAL\)](#), through the support of the CMS Transforming Clinical Practice Initiative (TCPI) has been developed to help support emergency clinicians and hospital leaders address this challenge.

The effort, directed at improving outcomes for patients with **sepsis, reducing avoidable imaging in low risk patients, and improving value of ED chest pain evaluation**, will provide hospital leadership and ED clinicians with tools for front line change agents to help achieve the triple aim of better health outcomes, more effective health care and lower cost.

This effort will help institutions benchmark their performance with peer organizations on these national measures, network with ED and hospital leaders in this space and ensure compliance with CMS MIPS requirements. **If your hospital employees any emergency physicians, then participation is critical to avoiding payment penalties.**

E-QUAL is recruiting for three learning collaboratives in 2017:

- ***Improving outcomes for patients with sepsis***
Wave II launching in January 2017 - SIGN UP TODAY!
- ***Reducing avoidable imaging in low risk patients through implementation of ACEP's Choosing Wisely recommendations***
Wave II launching in March 2017
- ***Improving the value of ED chest pain evaluation by reducing avoidable admissions in low risk patients with chest pain***
Wave I launching in Spring 2017

For more information on how to join the E-QUAL Network email equal@acep.org or visit www.acep.org/equal

SEP-1 Challenge

Deadline to submit data has been extended to December 2nd, 2016.

No additional data collection required!

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 by the end of December.

[Submit Data Today!](#)

Questions?

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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 Pre-Launch Webinar

E-QUAL will be hosting an informational session on what to expect during the Sepsis Wave II learning period and answer any questions that you may have. Join us on Wednesday, December 7th from 2:00pm-2:30pm!

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2:00pm-2:30pm ET
[Register Today!](#)

Sepsis Wave II

There is still time to sign up for the Sepsis Wave II learning collaborative! The deadline to sign up has been extended to **December 30th** and it only takes three steps to sign up.

Step One: Complete [E-QUAL Quality Improvement Readiness Assessment Survey](#)- 10 minutes

Step Two: Submit provider NPIs and group Tax ID Number (TIN) to ensure registration in TCPI program with CMS

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

The Sepsis Initiative Wave II will have a learning period of 9 months starting in January with numerous benefits:

- Monthly Webinars
- Podcasts
- Publicize guidelines and materials
- Benchmarking data
- Office Hours
- Data and Summary reports with lessons learned
- Earn "High" weight Clinical Practice Improvement Activity credit for CMS MIPS program
- Meet CMS PQRS requirements (CEDR)



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](#)
- [Avoidable Imaging- Head Trauma](#)

December Avoidable Imaging Webinar: PAMA and Powerful Words and Phrases

Save your spot today! Join us on Thursday, December 8th for our next Avoidable Imaging Initiative webinar with Drs. Jay Schuur and Jeff Kline

The webinar will focus on topics including:

- *PAMA (Protecting Access to Medicare Act)*
- *Powerful Words and Phrases*

Thursday, December 8th
1:00pm-2:00pm ET
[Register Today!](#)



Dr. Jeff Kline



Dr. Jay Schuur

Have You Signed Up for the Avoidable Imaging Wave II?

The Avoidable Imaging Wave II learning collaborative will be launching in March 2017. To sign up for the next Avoidable Imaging learning collaborative

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