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What is the CMS Transforming Clinical Practice Initiative?

The Transforming Clinical Practice Initiative is designed to help clinicians achieve large-scale health transformation. The initiative is designed to support more than 140,000 clinician practices of all specialties over the next 4 years in sharing, adapting and further developing their comprehensive quality improvement strategies. The initiative is one part of a strategy advanced by the ACA to strengthen the quality of patient care and spend health care dollars more wisely.

TCPi | Transforming Clinical
Practices Initiative

ACEP Emergency Quality Network (E-QUAL)

ACEP is one of 39 health care organizations selected to participate in the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation's (CMMI) [Transforming Clinical Practice Initiative \(TCPI\)](#). ACEP's Emergency Quality Network (E-QUAL) plans to support up to 24,000 emergency clinicians to move healthcare towards the triple aim of better health outcomes, more effective health care and lower costs.

Over the next 4 years, ACEP will be helping EDs across the U.S. demonstrate the value of emergency care in improving patient outcomes and lowering healthcare costs. ACEP will connect EDs from across the country in shared learning collaboratives designed to support ED Directors and front-line clinicians with quality improvement activities that also meet regulatory and educational requirements.

The ACEP Emergency Quality Network is now recruiting EDs and emergency clinicians for three planned learning collaboratives:

- Improving outcomes for patients with sepsis
- Reducing avoidable imaging in low risk patients through implementation of ACEP's Choosing Wisely recommendations
- Improving the value of ED chest pain evaluation by reducing avoidable admissions in low risk patients with chest pain

Join Today!

Step 1: Join the E-QUAL by filling out an [online interest survey](#) to receive the latest news, updates and project details

Step 2: Take the Emergency Quality Network Readiness Assessment

Step 3: Sign-up for one or all of the Emergency Quality Network learning collaboratives

Become part of this national quality movement to redefine and rebrand emergency care!

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How To | Sign Up Participate in TCPI | with the ACEP Emergency Quality Network



Visit acep.org/equal Complete the Survey to Join



PROJECT **BENEFITS**

-  Access to eCME and **ABEM MOC Credit**
-  Receive **Benchmarking Data**
-  Gain **National Recognition**

Plus access to Toolkits, Guidelines, and Talking Points

Learning Collaboratives



Improve Outcomes
for patients with sepsis



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



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



For more information on how to become part of the ACEP Emergency Quality (E-QUAL) Network visit www.acep.org/equal

[Download Infographic](#)

Sepsis Initiative Launch!

The ACEP E-QUAL Network launched the [Sepsis Initiative](#) series on March 23, 2016 with a webinar, featuring guest speaker, David Gaieski, M.D. who presented on sepsis quality improvement and early identification and treatment of patients with sepsis and septic shock by operationalizing best practices in a successful sepsis QI initiative. Leaders from the ACEP, including Arjun K. Venkatesh, MD MBA, MHS, and Jeremiah (Jay) Schuur, MD, MHS, also joined the webinar to provide information about the ACEP E-QUAL Network and opportunities to engage emergency clinicians in sepsis quality improvement efforts.

[Webinar recording](#)

[Learn more about the Sepsis Initiative!](#)

[Sepsis Initiative Webinar Series](#) Register Today!

Date	Topic
Wednesday, April 20 Register Today!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> E-QUAL Network Sepsis Tool Kit Review SEP-1, CEDR Sepsis Quality Measures and Collecting QI Data for Sepsis
Thursday, May 19 Register Today!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harnessing the EHR in Sepsis Identification Human Elements in Screening and Initiation of Treatment of Sepsis
Wednesday, June 22 Register Today!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Antibiotics and Source Control Essentials in Sepsis Common Sepsis Pitfalls and Barriers to Quality Improvement
Wednesday, July 20 Register Today!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evidence-based Approaches to Resuscitation (fluids, blood, etc.) Effective Sepsis Resuscitation in Medically Complex Patients
Wednesday, August 17 Register Today!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How to Work with the ICU to Improve Sepsis Care Transitions How to Improve Inter-Hospital Transfers for Patients with Sepsis
Wednesday, September 21 Register Today!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building Sustainability into Sepsis QI Interventions Office Hours

Questions?

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Mark Your Calendars!

Leadership & Advocacy Conference

Disruptive Innovation - Transforming Clinical Practice Initiative

Monday, May 16th 1:55pm-2:30pm

Drs. Schuur and Venkatesh will be presenting E-QUAL highlights and outline opportunities for EDs to join at this year's Legislative and Advocacy Conference. In addition they will discuss best practices in quality improvement, current CMS efforts regarding the measurement and support of ED quality, and outline CMS efforts in the TCPI to support clinician transitions to new alternative payment models.

[Register Today!](#)

Choosing Wisely Initiative- June 2016!

The [Choosing Wisely Initiative](#) will focus on reducing avoidable imaging in low risk patients specifically with head CT scans after minor head injury and chest CT scans for pulmonary embolus through implementation of ACEP's Choosing Wisely recommendations. This initiative will be launched this summer during the month of June. Stay tuned for details!

Are you interested in a leadership opportunity?

The E-QUAL network is currently seeking content experts to provide subject matter expertise and thought leadership for the Choosing Wisely initiative. Take a leadership role by

- Serving on the steering committee
- Presenting your successes on national webinars
- Showcase your participation and contributions to hospital leadership and CMS

Contact Nalani Tarrant at ntarrant@acep.org for more information!

Calling all Chapters!

Are your members interested in beginning their practice transformation journey?

As part of TCPI, Practice Transformation Network (PTNs) are peer-based learning networks designed to coach, mentor, and assist clinicians in developing core competencies specific to practice transformation. The E-QUAL Network can connect your members with the local PTN today!

Stay tuned to learn more about the PTN opportunities in your area!

