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## Sign up to Participate in E-QUAL's 2018 Learning Collaboratives!

[Deadlines to Enroll in each 2018 Learning Collaborative](#)

**Opioid Initiative Wave I**

**June 5, 2018**

To sign-up please visit the [E-QUAL Homepage](#) and click on the green E-QUAL Initiatives Portal button.

### E-QUAL Learning Collaboratives

[Sepsis](#) | [Avoidable Imaging](#) | [Chest Pain](#) | [Opioid](#) **Comming Soon!**

### [Rural Critical Access Grant](#)

#### **Joint E-QUAL/CEDR Reward Opportunity**

E-QUAL is excited to announce a special grant opportunity for EDs interested in improving care through use of ACEP's [Clinical Emergency Data Registry \(CEDR\)](#)!

As part of a *special one-time program*, E-QUAL seeks to maximize the success of your quality improvement project and help your ED build critical data access and capacity. **We are seeking EDs in rural and underserved areas interested in joining E-QUAL and CEDR to apply this year.**

The award is a **one-time lump sum of \$4,000** that will be used to cover the technical assistance of CEDR costs.

#### Eligibility

- Must be enrolled in and complete a 2018 E-QUAL collaborative
- Hospital-based ED practices in CMS designated Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs),  
OR

- ED practices located in rural areas requiring that your location be outside an Urbanized Area as defined by the U.S. Census. Use the following web link to determine if your ED facility meets the [CMS Rural definition](#).

### Submission

Applications must be submitted by the deadline to:

Nalani Tarrant, Senior Project Manager at [ntarrant@acep.org](mailto:ntarrant@acep.org)

**Deadline to submit application is June 15, 2018.**

## [Download Application](#)

### [Join Opioid Wave I](#)

The **E-QUAL Opioid Learning Collaborative**, with support from the Addiction Policy Forum and Yale University, aims to recruit EDs nationwide to:

- Collaborate on opioid-focused interventions
- Develop a best-practice toolkit
- Collect data on quality
- Assess the state of ED and hospital care
- Study the effectiveness of engaging EDs in quality improvement

**The learning collaboration will help EDs implement alternatives to opioids (ALTO), improve opioid prescribing, and adopt harm reduction strategies such as naloxone prescribing and medication assisted therapy.**

This **6-month** collaborative will be structured similarly to our current collaboratives:

- Sites do not need to be ACEP members to participate, and participation is free.
- Sites do not need to be enrolled in CEDR.
- Once enrolled, we will provide you access to:
  - The E-QUAL Portal
  - Webinars/CME/Podcasts
  - Several toolkits
  - Opportunities to earn MIPS Improvement Activity credits
- A selected site Champion (we recommend 1-3 Champions) will complete and track Activities in the E-QUAL Portal.

**The time commitment for participation and Activity completion is only 1-1.5 hours/month.**

### [How Do I Sign-up my ED Site?](#)

Contact the E-QUAL Team directly: [equal@acep.org](mailto:equal@acep.org)

**We are currently enrolling sites until June 3, 2018. The collaborative will officially begin on June 5th.**

## [2018 Leadership and Advocacy Conference](#)

Come join us at LAC this May! We will have an E-QUAL & CEDR booth at which you can meet and speak with our team.

Also, on **May 21**, E-QUAL & CEDR will have a joint presentation *open to anyone interested*. The room and exact time will be announced closer to the event.

## Portal Access Guide Update

We have updated and expanded the E-QUAL *Portal Access Guide*. This guide covers all aspects of interaction with the portal in step-by-step breakdowns.

Download the new guide here: [Portal Access Guide](#)

For any additional questions, please contact us directly as [equal@acep.org](mailto:equal@acep.org).

## Quality Tip of the Month



"If you are implementing an EMR-based chest pain risk score that you expect providers to fill out, invest in a tool that is easy and quick to use. A clunky tool that is difficult to navigate or slows providers down is more likely to be ignored – or worse – misused."

*Josh Baugh, MD, MPP UCLA*

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](mailto:equal@acep.org).

## Frequently Asked Questions



### Question:

Can our site still sign up for a 2018 E-QUAL Learning Collaborative?

### Answers:

Yes!

Our new Opioid Collaborative is will be launching **June 5<sup>th</sup>**. If your site would like to enroll, please contact us at [equal@acep.org](mailto:equal@acep.org).

**For other questions please visit our updated [FAQ page](#). If your question has not been answered, please e-mail us at [equal@acep.org](mailto:equal@acep.org).**

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