E-QUAL Learning Collaboratives

Sepsis | Avoidable Imaging | Chest Pain | Opioid

E-QUAL 2019 Enrollment is Open!

Sign-Up Deadlines
Sepsis Wave IV: January 21, 2019
Avoidable Imaging Wave IV: February 11, 2019
Chest Pain III: February 18, 2019
Opioid Wave II: March 18, 2019

ACEP will be providing a 8-hour MAT Waiver Training at SA '18!

Date/Time: Sunday, 09/30 from 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM PST
Presenters: Dr. Eric Ketcham and Dr. Kathryn Hawk
Cost: $150 for ACEP members & non-members

At the conclusion of this activity, participants should be able to:

- Review addiction treatment in office-based practices
- Discuss the pharmacological treatments of opioid use disorder
- Determine what medical record documentation must be followed
- Discuss the process of buprenorphine induction as well as stabilization and maintenance techniques
- Describe how to take a patient history and evaluation
- Review safety concerns and drug interactions
**SCCM and ACEP Release Joint Statement About the SSC Hour-1 Bundle**

The [Society of Critical Care Medicine (SCCM)](https://www.sccm.org) and the [American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP)](https://www.acep.org) acknowledge concerns expressed about the recently released [Surviving Sepsis Campaign (SSC) Hour-1 Bundle](https://www.sccm.org) and the appropriateness of implementation in the United States. Both organizations understand the importance of prompt and optimal sepsis diagnostics and treatment. SCCM and ACEP along with other involved international experts are organizing a meeting as soon as possible to carefully review the recommendations, and provide guidance on bundle implementation and care of potentially septic patients who present to emergency departments in the United States. We recommend that hospitals not implement the Hour-1 bundle in its present form in the United States at this time.

Please direct questions to [ssc@sccm.org](mailto:ssc@sccm.org)

**TCPI Clinician Events**

To offer additional time for clinicians, groups, and APM entities and their participants to access and review their performance feedback, we are extending the targeted review deadline to October 15, 2018 at 8:00pm (EDT). We also have a number of resources available on our [Quality Payment Program Resource Library](https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Patient-Fact-Finder/Quality-Payment-Program-Resource-Library) to help you understand your performance feedback and the targeted review process. If you are in-need of additional assistance, please reach out to the Quality Payment Program Service Center by phone at 1-866-288-8292, (TTY) 1-877-715-6222 or by email at [QPP@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:QPP@cms.hhs.gov), or contact your [local technical assistance organization](https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Patient-Fact-Finder/Quality-Payment-Program-Resource-Library) for no-cost support.

Please [download the full statement](https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Patient-Fact-Finder/Quality-Payment-Program-Resource-Library) and/or view the training videos below.

**Training Videos:**

- [How to Request a Targeted Review](https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Patient-Fact-Finder/Quality-Payment-Program-Resource-Library)
- [How to Access Performance Feedback for APM Entities](https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Patient-Fact-Finder/Quality-Payment-Program-Resource-Library)
- [How to Access Performance Feedback for Individuals](https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Patient-Fact-Finder/Quality-Payment-Program-Resource-Library)
- [How to Access Performance Feedback for Voluntary Submitters](https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Patient-Fact-Finder/Quality-Payment-Program-Resource-Library)
"When attempting to use alternative medications with patients share with them the idea behind non-opioid multimodal analgesia. Their only prior experience in the ED with pain may have resulted in them getting opioids. They may have certain expectations. But with education and reassurance most patients are open to trying something new especially if it means they will have a reduction in their pain.

What I say, 'for your muscular pain I want to give you a combination of different medications, that alone are not all that strong, but together work really well to lower your pain. They actually treat the source of your pain instead of masking it. The studies we are doing on pain show these combinations work really well and are better than opioid pain medication for muscle sprains and strain.'"

- Alexis LaPietra, DO, St Joseph’s Health

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.

The E-QUAL FAQ has been newly cleaned and updated to with information for the 2018 Waves, including a new section for Wave I of the Opioid initiative.

View the FAQ page | Download the Portal Access Guide

If you have questions regarding your collaborative, please be sure to reference these resources. If your site's questions are not answer, please reach out to the E-QUAL team: equal@acep.org.
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