

# The Quality Improvement and Patient Safety (QIPS) Section Newsletter

The latest information and events coming from the QIPS table

## **Congratulations to our 2025 QI Challenge Winners!**

Find out how to sign up for the QI Challenge and have a chance to present in October at ACEP 2026.

## **Kudos to the Pfizer Grant Recipients**

Selected members and institutions will receive funding from a joint initiative between ACEP and Pfizer to improve migraine care in the emergency department.

## **ACEP CEDR**

Interested in learning about how CEDR can support QIPS initiatives and reporting efforts? Use the QR Code to explore how it can support your department.

## **Just Culture: Patient Safety in Emergency Medicine**

March 4<sup>th</sup> at 12pm CST

## *Congratulations to the 2025-2026 Section Officers*



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**Elizabeth Henderson**

Staff Liaison

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## QI Challenge Winners

Projects Led by  
Trainees

Anmol Chanda,MD



Projects Ensuring  
Health Equity

Maria Raven,MD



Projects that  
Incorporate Health  
Technology

Jessica Amaoko,MD



### What is the QI Challenge?

The QI Challenge is an annual competition jointly organized and supported by the QIPS and QPSC teams to recognize outstanding Quality Improvement and Patient Safety projects in Emergency Medicine. The projects highlighted three domains.

### QI Challenge Presentations

1. Projects Led by Trainees
  - a. **Speaker: Dr. Anmol Chanda (AIIIMS)**
  - b. Topic: Right Wound, Right Care, Right Time – Improving Wound Triage in Trauma ED.
  - c. Focused on improving timeliness and accuracy of wound triage.
2. Projects Ensuring Health Equity
  - a. **Speaker: Dr. Maria Raven (UCSF)**
  - b. Topic: ED Psychiatric Model of Care.
  - c. Outcomes: Reduced ED LOS by 33% (~8.7 hrs), preserved resources equivalent to 2 staffed beds/day, increased discharges by 9.3%, and decreased workplace violence incidents.

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3. Projects Incorporating Innovative Technology/Care Models
  - a. **Speaker: Dr. Suresh Pavuluri on behalf of Dr. Jessica Amoako (Yale)**
  - b. Topic: Pregnancy Hypertension Alert System.
  - c. Outcomes: Reduced median time to treatment from 52 to 19 minutes, improved patient flow, and met national guidelines without extending LOS.

Stay tuned on how to register for the next QI Challenge. More details to come in June 2026.

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### Congratulations to our Grant Recipients!

We are proud to recognize the members and institutions selected to receive funding through a new collaborative quality improvement initiative from Pfizer and the American College of Emergency Physicians. These grantees will lead innovative efforts to enhance the quality and consistency of migraine care in the emergency department, advancing patient outcomes, safety, and overall experience. We look forward to the impact of their important work.

### What is E-QUAL?

E-QUAL, the Emergency Quality Network, is a national quality improvement program that provides practical, evidence-based toolkits to help departments improve care, enhance patient safety and drive measurable results in the ED.

A promotional graphic for E-QUAL with a blue background and architectural wireframe patterns. It includes the E-QUAL logo, a description of the network, a list of 2025 initiatives, two call-to-action buttons, and a QR code.

**E-QUAL**

A free, practice-based learning network made for EDs by emergency physicians.

**Our 2025 Initiatives:**

- Substance Use Disorder
- Venous Thromboembolism
- Sepsis

[Enroll in E-QUAL Now](#)

[Access the E-QUAL Portal](#)

Use our QR code to check out our website and toolkits on this year's initiatives.

## Learn more about ACEP CEDR

CEDR offers national benchmarking, specialty specific quality measures and streamlined MIPS reporting for emergency physicians. These insights can help strengthen both individual accountability and departmental quality improvement efforts.

### What is CEDR?

**CEDR (Clinical Emergency Data Registry) is the first Emergency Medicine (EM) specialty-wide registry developed by ACEP.**

CEDR has the capability and functionality to do the following:

- Measure EM outcomes
- Identify practice patterns and trends
- Improve the quality of acute care
- Meet and exceed OPP/MIPs quality reporting requirements
- Eliminate penalty and/or increase payer revenue

In addition, the CEDR registry ensures that emergency physicians, rather than other parties, are identifying practices that work best for them.



Offers 25 EM specific measures and 22 QPP measures that span across 5 domains of care



Scan the QR code to learn more or get involved.



## Upcoming Events

### Just Culture: Patient Safety in Emergency Medicine



Webinar

Host: American College of Emergency Physicians

3/4/2026

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Central time

<https://learn.acep.org/cw/course-details?entryId=18430156&itemId=787562>

Learn what Just Culture is — an algorithm or tool that can be applied in case review, but also a mentality or mindset to use when approaching, reviewing, or assessing events

Learn about why Just Culture can lead to improvements in a safety culture.

See how Just Culture is applied by working through several case studies — including clinical care but also outside of medicine.



Register here.