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Questions?

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Improve Outcomes
for patients with sepsis

SEP-1 CHALLENGE SUBMIT DATA TODAY!

What is the SEP-1 Challenge? E-QUAL is collecting self-reported, confidential and de-identified data from EDs across the country on the CMS SEP-1 measure.

No additional data collection required! Just 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 in 30 days!

Data collected:

SEP-1 draft measure score

Numerator

Denominator

Process metrics if available (lactate, IVF, antibiotics, etc.)

[SEP-1 Challenge Data Submission Guidelines](#)

Why join the SEP-1 Challenge?

- Get exclusive access to early benchmarking data on the new CMS SEP-1 sepsis measure to guide local QI efforts (only sites submitting preliminary SEP-1 results will receive the confidential, de-identified SEP-1 results summary report initially)
- Prepare hospital leadership for national expectations on initial SEP-1 performance
- Help the emergency medicine community demonstrate the value of emergency sepsis care and identify improvements in the measure for CMS

[Submit data for SEP-1 Challenge](#)

Deadline to submit data: Monday, November 18th

Questions?
E-mail the [E-QUAL Network](#)

MIPS and E-QUAL

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](#)

If your ED care for patients insured by Medicare, then you are likely to participate in MIPS where you earn a performance-based payment adjustments based on work as early as January 1, 2017. In MIPS, you earn a payment adjustment based on performance across 4 categories linked to quality and value of patient care.

1. Quality
2. Advancing Care Information
3. Cost
4. Clinical Practice Improvement Activities

By participating in the E-QUAL Network learning collaboratives you will earn credit towards the fulfillment of the Clinical Practice Improvement Activity category.

E-QUAL now recruiting EDs and emergency clinicians for three learning collaboratives:

- ***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***

Sign up today to enroll into the 2017 learning collaborative waves by contacting Nalani Tarrant at ntarrant@acep.org!

Sepsis Wave II

E-QUAL will be launching the [Sepsis Learning Collaborative Wave II](#) in January 2017.

To sign up:

Step 1: Contact [Nalani Tarrant](#) to confirm group's participation in Wave II.

Step 2: Directors or an assigned leader in the clinician group will need to complete the [E-QUAL Readiness Assessment survey](#).

Deadline to sign up for Sepsis Wave II is November 30th

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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](#)

November Avoidable Imaging Webinar: Data Collection and PECARN

Save your spot today!
 Join us on Thursday, November 17th for our next Avoidable Imaging Initiative webinar with Drs. Arjun Venkatesh, Nate Kupperman, Dustin Ballard and David Vinson

The webinar will focus on topics including:

- *PECARN*
- *Data Collection- CEDR and Quality/Performance Measures*
- *Optimizing Uptake of Clinical Decision Support in the Electronic Health Record*

Thursday, November 17th
1:00pm-2:00pm EST
[**Register Today!**](#)

Avoidable Imaging Initiative Webinar Series

All webinars take place from 1:00pm-2:00pm EST

Date	Topic
Thursday December 8 Register	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PAMA and the future of imaging decisions support and quality measurement • Powerful Words and Phrases