

## E-QUAL Presents at the CMS 2016 Quality Conference

The Emergency Quality Network (E-QUAL) presented a poster at the CMS 2016 Quality Conference.

The poster focused on the the TCPI engagement goal of recruiting 24,000 Emergency Department (ED) clinicians. E-QUAL initially focused on developing relationships with large emergency medicine groups resulting in the enrollment of 986 EDs across the U.S. with 12,584 individual providers within the first year.

Initial results from the E-QUAL designed quality improvement readiness assessment was presented on topics including ED's readiness for alternative payment models and the use of current QI strategies for each E-QUAL QI target area: sepsis outcomes, reducing avoidable imaging and reducing chest pain hospitalizations.

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E-QUAL Team presenting at the 2016 CMS Quality Conference  
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### E-QUAL Learning Collaboratives

[Sepsis](#): Improving outcomes

[Reducing avoidable imaging](#) through implementation of ACEP's Choosing Wisely

[Chest Pain](#): Improving value by reducing avoidable admissions in low risk patients



## Improve Outcomes for patients with sepsis

### Only 4 days left to sign up for Sepsis Wave II!

There is still time to sign up for the [Sepsis Wave II learning collaborative](#)! The Sepsis Wave II learning collaborative will be launching on **Wednesday January 18th** and will continue through September. By participating in the learning collaborative your ED group will

- Meet new CMS MIPS requirements for Clinical Practice Improvement Activities
- Meet TJC OPPE requirements and meeting MOC Practice Improvement Activity
- Submit and receive benchmarking data
- Feature ED's commitment to high value care to payers
- Provide ED with access to initiative aligned with CMS hospital quality reporting and payment initiatives

To sign up contact E-QUAL Network at [equal@acep.org](mailto:equal@acep.org) for more information!

### **Deadline to sign up for Sepsis Wave II is 1/13/17**

Want to find out more about the Sepsis Wave II learning collaborative? Attend the informational webinar on **Wednesday, January 11th**. The E-QUAL team will explain what is to be expected during the learning period of Wave II, benefits of participating and answer any questions you may have.

**Sepsis Wave II Informational Webinar**  
**Wednesday, January 11th from 1:00pm-1:30pm ET**  
[Register Today!](#)

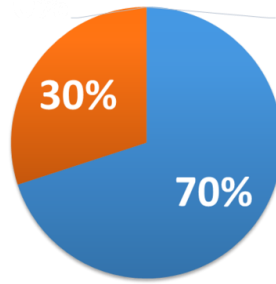
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### Participate in E-QUAL and receive MIPS Credit

The new Quality Payment Program will gradually transform Medicare payments for more than 600,000 clinicians across the country, including virtually every emergency clinician.

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



- Quality
- Clinical Practice Improvement Activities
- Resource Use
- Advancing Care Information

Emergency clinicians only to be measured on Quality (30%) and Clinical Practice Improvement Activities(70%). By participating in the E-QUAL Network learning collaboratives you will earn credit towards the fulfillment of the Clinical Practice Improvement Activity category. For more information or to sign up contact the E-QUAL team at [equal@acep.org](mailto:equal@acep.org)

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## Free CME Credit!

Don't forget to take advantage of the FREE CME credit the E-QUAL network is offering!

### **Sepsis:**

[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](#)

### **Avoidable Imaging:**

[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](#)

[Avoidable Imaging- Head Trauma](#)

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## Questions?

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