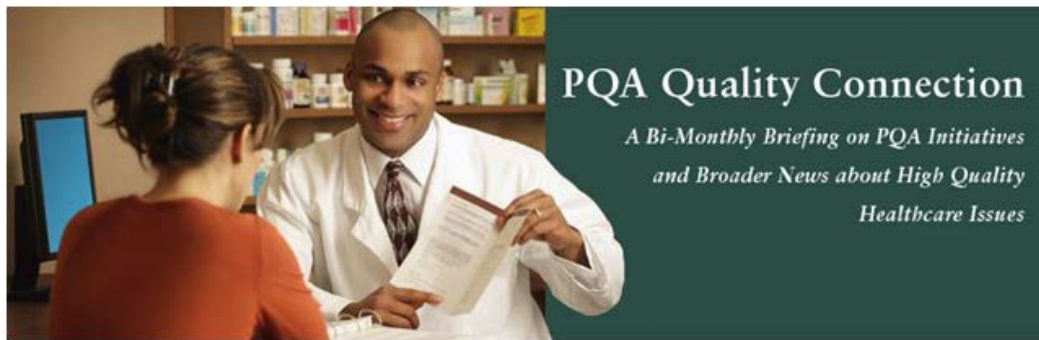




PQA Kicks Off 2015 Measure Development Efforts

PQA kicked off its 2015 measure development efforts with each of the ten Measure Development Teams meeting in March and each of the four Stakeholder Advisory Panels meeting in early April.

- **Measure Development Teams (MDTs)** are technically and clinically proficient groups, composed of PQA members who applied for and were selected to work on specific measure concepts based on their individual strengths and experience.
- **Stakeholder Advisory Panels (SAPs)** are larger groups consisting of PQA members, to provide broad-based stakeholder input to the MDTs around individual measure concepts under development.

Each MDT will focus on one measure concept; those concepts are listed below:

- MDT 1: Hospital Admission or ED Visit for Adverse Events (e.g., bleeding events [or stroke]) Associated with Anticoagulant Medications
- MDT 2: Adherence to Immunosuppressants Post-Transplant
- MDT 3: MTM-Part D – Use of Patient Satisfaction Survey following CMR completion
- MDT 4: Transitions of Care – Medication Reconciliation in the LTC Setting
- MDT 5: Primary Medication Non-Adherence (PMN) – for health plans
- MDT 6: Hospital and/or ED Utilization Related to ADEs

- MDT 7: Triple Threat – Concomitant Use of Opioids, Benzodiazepines and Muscle Relaxants
- MDT 8: Gap in Therapy – Medications Used to Treat Glaucoma
- MDT 9: MTM-Part D – Specific Drug Therapy Problem (DTP) Resolution
- MDT 10: Hepatitis C – Persistence and Outcomes (SVR)

PQA will convene each SAP four times throughout the year to provide input to the MDTs regarding the measures under development. PQA member organizations have the opportunity to assign a representative to participate on each of the SAPs; thereby, enabling member organizations to contribute to all measures under development. If your organization has not done so, be sure to complete the online form, accessible from the PQA web site at www.pqaalliance.org/mdg/response.asp to appoint your representatives.

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