



## The Quality Advisor

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### News from the CQO's Desk

#### Would You Like Your Quality Improvement Story Showcased in the 2024 Health Care Quality Report?

The WHA quality team wants to share your successes for our annual 2024 Wisconsin Health Care Quality Report. If your hospital has a quality improvement project highlighting the important improvement work that occurred throughout 2023, we would like to hear from you. Stories included in last year's report can be viewed [here](#). By the way, the 2023 report was downloaded over 1700 times!

Email your story and attach any photographs or images of your work to [Marcia Egle](#) by May 3. Photos, graphs or images should be sent as separate attachments for inclusion in the report. Photos should be sent as .jpg or .png files; graphs should be sent as .jpg, .png, PowerPoint slide, Excel file, or PDF.



#### Quality Residency Program starts May 8 - Register Now for Full Program

The 2024-2025 Quality Residency Program starts May 8. This program is designed to engage new or novice quality leaders in health care quality and the learning sessions are interactive and facilitated by a team of expert and veteran quality professionals.

This training is offered through a partnership between the Wisconsin Hospital Association (WHA), Rural Wisconsin Health Cooperative (RWHC) and the Wisconsin Office of Rural Health (WORH). For program details click [here](#).

### Quality Residency Registration

#### Dr. Redwood Leads Sepsis Town Hall Discussion

A Sepsis Town Hall event was held on Monday, April 15. This virtual event was a live one-hour interactive question and answer session that was led by Dr. Bobby Redwood, WHA physician quality improvement advisor. Dr. Redwood answered questions on sepsis updates on evidence informed practices, SEP-1 core measures, forming a sepsis committee, and provider education. Hospital leaders, quality professionals and providers participated in this event.

This Town Hall was in addition to the sepsis education mini-series that is currently available on demand through the WHA Quality Center. These short, self-paced videos developed by Dr. Redwood include offerings on Sepsis 101 - The Basics, The SEP-1 Core Measure, Sepsis 1 vs. Sepsis 3, Multidrug Resistant Organisms in Sepsis, Septic Shock and more. Visit the [WHA Quality Center Sepsis page](#) for more information. This valuable educational event was sponsored by the WHA Foundation.

### WHA Quality Center Updates

New resources and tools have been added to the WHA Quality Center, including information on age friendly strategies and patient-centered treatment for opioid use disorder.

Explore these resources using the provided hashtags ([#agefriendly](#) and [#OUD](#)) and share them with relevant colleagues who might find them beneficial. You can also find these resources when in the Quality Center by clicking the space on the left side navigator column.

Additionally, take a look at the upcoming events for this month to identify any that could benefit you, your team, or organization. Please share this [invitation to WHA Quality Center](#) with others in your organization who might be interested. It's important to spread awareness of valuable resources like these to ensure that everyone has access to the latest information and tools for improving health care quality.

*Note: first time visitors to the Quality Center will be asked to enter their name, email address, and to create a password to create an account. Then bookmark the page for easy access.*

## **CMS Releases Proposed 2025 Inpatient Payment Rule**

On April 10, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) introduced its 2025 proposed inpatient prospective payment system ([IPPS](#)) rule. WHA will analyze the full more-than 1,900-page rule in the coming weeks and prepare comments in advance of the June 10 comment deadline.

Among the notable items included in the proposal are:

- A 2.6% payment update including a hospital market basket increase of 3.0% offset by a productivity cut of 0.4%.
- Extend a policy to help low-wage index hospitals for at least three more years in an ongoing effort to address wage index disparities.
- Establish a new mandatory CMS Innovation Center model that would provide bundled payment for certain surgical procedures.
- Distribute new graduate medical education slots under section 4122 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023.
- Seek public comments on the use of Medicare IPPS payments for maternity care by other payers.
- Address drug supply chain disruptions, CMS proposes a separate IPPS payment to help small, independent hospitals maintain a buffer of essential drugs.
- Redesignate several ICD-10 codes related to housing status in keeping with its work on identifying social determinants of health.
- Updates across hospital quality programs, including replacing the COVID-19 and seasonal influenza reporting standards for hospitals and critical access hospitals (CAHs) with a standard addressing acute respiratory illnesses to include RSV:
  - Beginning on Oct 1, CMS would require hospitals and CAHs to report data once per week on confirmed infections of COVID-19, influenza and respiratory syntactical virus among hospitalized patients, hospital capacity and limited patient demographic information, including age.

## **American Hospital Association (AHA) May 30 webinar: Overview of Proposed IPPS Rule (FY) 2025**

This AHA webinar will provide an overview of the released CMS proposed rule for the fiscal year (FY) 2025 Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS). Find more information [here](#).

## **WHA Foundation Announces Application Open for 2024 Clinical Simulation Lab Scholarship**

WHA Foundation is once again offering scholarships to Wisconsin member hospitals, allowing them to designate an interdisciplinary team to participate in clinical simulation training focused on stroke, sepsis/septic shock, or high-risk OB delivery. This year, the WHA Foundation has an agreement with the Gundersen Health System Integrated Center for Education (ICE) in La Crosse to provide their upgraded facilities and equipment to scholarship recipients.

Click [here](#) to access the Eligibility and Criteria Information and the Scholarship Application.

The WHA Foundation, Inc. was formed in 1968 to support educational, research and charitable programs of the Wisconsin Hospital Association and its members. Today, as a 501(c)(3) organization, the Foundation focuses its grant making priorities on initiatives that have a statewide impact on health care in Wisconsin. The Foundation's three specific funding priorities include:

- Health Care Workforce Development
- Health Care Quality and Safety Initiatives
- Collaborative Community Health Initiatives

### **The Joint Commission (TJC) Accreditation Survey Updates**

**When:** Tuesday, April 23, 2024 -- 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Mark Crafton, executive director, Strategic Alliances for The Joint Commission, will present on the topic of accreditation survey updates, focusing on the most challenging issues facing hospitals and health systems. The content will provide an overview of the new requirements for accredited programs that became effective in January 2024 and will provide hospitals an understanding of what to expect with the survey changes. Note, your hospital does not need to be Joint Commission Accredited to join.

[Register](#)

### **Buprenorphine from the Emergency Department: Basics and Beyond**

Wisconsin Society of Addiction Medicine (WISAM), Wisconsin Hospital Association (WHA) and the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) are pleased to provide a FREE 2 CME course titled, Buprenorphine from the Emergency Department: Basics and Beyond.

It is an on-demand webinar, and CME, which qualifies toward the eight-hour DEA requirement, and is available until April 30.

Please join Bobby Redwood, MD, Ezra Lyon, MD, and Ritu Bhatnagar, MD, to hear more about how to treat people who use drugs from the ED. If you know of other people or systems who would be interested in hearing more, please share the link.

Visit [Wisconsin Society of Addiction Medicine webpage](#) for more information and to register.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email with the webinar recording link, CME instructions and links to the presentation handouts.

### **Substance Use Disorders Support & Education Series: Fostering Collaboration for Comprehensive Care**

***Please share this with ED managers, clinic managers, provider groups, behavioral health teams and others who may benefit from this FREE training series!***

Providing education and support for health care professionals who work with individuals dealing with substance use disorders is crucial, especially in rural areas where access to resources might be limited. Substance use disorders require a multidisciplinary approach and involving various types of health care providers and support personnel ensures a holistic and comprehensive approach to treatment and care. For that reason, the RHeSUS Lunch and Learn series is designed to engage a diverse range of professionals. By including MDs/DOs, advanced practice practitioners, social workers, behavioral health providers, peer recovery service providers, and others, we're aiming to create a rich learning environment where different perspectives and expertise can be shared and integrated to better serve individuals struggling with substance use disorders in rural Wisconsin. If you are a provider new to, or experienced with offering medication management, if you are on a team that offers ongoing care and support for people struggling with substance use disorders in Wisconsin and beyond, this interactive webinar is for you!

**When:** occurs the third Monday of every month from 12:15 - 1:15 p.m.

Visit [RHeSUS Lunch & Learn Series - PROTEA \(wisc.edu\)](#) for details on how to join the call.

Upcoming Topics:

- 5/20/2024 – Acute pain management in setting of Opioid Use Disorder
- 6/17/2024 – Neonatal abstinence syndrome/withdrawal

*This program is possible through a partnership between the Wisconsin Hospital Association and the University of Wisconsin–Madison Program for Research, Outreach, Therapeutics, and Education in the Addictions (PROTEA). Funding for RHeSUS was provided by the UW School of Medicine and Public Health from the Wisconsin Partnership Program (WPP).*

### **RHeSUS Office Hours**

**When:** Every third Tuesday, October 2023 - September 2024

Upcoming hours: May 21, 2024 – 12 - 1 p.m.

A forum available for providers to discuss issues related to the management of patients with substance use disorders in the general medical setting. Randy Brown, MD, PhD will be available to provide clinical support on questions such as managing patients with at-risk alcohol use and use disorder, prescription controlled substance issues, OUD/SUD management and more. Questions can be on broader management topics or specific to a patient in your care. For more information, see [flyer](#).

Click [here](#) for the meeting link.

For additional questions, contact RHeSUS Program Director [Jill Lindwall](#) or [Randall Brown](#), MD, PhD, DFASAM.

Target Audience: All providers treating and/or managing patients with substance use disorders in the rural in-patient, emergency department, and general medical settings.

## **Wisconsin Hospital Association Risk Management Fundamentals and Relationships with Other Operational Programs in Health Care**

**When:** May 21, 2024, 10 -11 a.m.

Susan Morelli-Puricelli of MedPro Group will share risk management fundamentals in health care settings and quality and patient safety issues in connection with Root Cause Analysis/Failure Methods Effects Analysis tools. Quality Leaders, Risk Managers, Compliance Officers and Patient Safety Leaders are encouraged to join.

### **Program Objectives:**

- Identify Key Elements of a Risk Management Program
- Understand Essential Risk Management Processes
- Understand Risk Managements Role
- Identify Strategic Principles of a Risk Management Plan
- Appreciate and Understand the Interface of Risk Management with Quality, Patient & Workplace Safety and Compliance

[Register](#)

## **Wisconsin Association for Perinatal Care (WAPC) Perinatal Substance Use Webinar series**

Join WAPC for this new educational opportunity designed to meet the needs of a broad range of perinatal stakeholders who work with people affected by perinatal substance use. Sessions will be held every other month beginning in January. There is no cost to attend the webinars.

**Third Session:** Infant and Child Outcomes after In Utero Exposure to Drugs

**When:** May 22, 2024 – 12 - 1 p.m.

This presentation will describe the results of a study evaluating provider understanding and of Wisconsin laws regarding reporting substance use and pregnancy.

For more information about the series and additional sessions, click [here](#).

[Register](#)

## **June 2024 - PICC/Midline Insertion & Ultrasound Guided PIV Classes**

CVC Health Care is offering PICC/Midline Insertion & Ultrasound guided PIV classes at two Wisconsin sites in June. For information, locations and dates see below.

### **Green Bay WI:**

[PICC/Midline Insertion Class - Green Bay WI June 11, 2024](#)

[Ultrasound Guided PIV Class - Green Bay WI June 12, 2024](#)

### **Madison WI:**

[PICC/Midline Insertion Class - Madison WI June 13, 2024](#)

[Ultrasound Guided PIV Class - Madison WI June 14, 2024](#)

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To review the most up-to-date quality and patient safety data for Wisconsin hospitals, visit [CheckPoint](#).

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