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## RESOURCES

### Now available: 2017 CQC Impact Report

The [California Quality Collaborative \(CQC\)](#) is proud to announce the release of its annual Impact Report, highlighting program successes and lessons learned. To read more about CQC's work and accomplishments in 2017, **click on the cover below:**



Questions about the CQC Impact Report? Contact **Karen Hsu** at [khsu@calquality.org](mailto:khsu@calquality.org).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Webinar series: High-Value Cardiology Care & High-Value Oncology Care

Much of the learnings and work around controlling total cost of care has centered on reducing avoidable emergency department use and hospitalizations. A new series of CQC education programs focuses on reducing variance and identifying best practice in high-cost specialty care.

CQC has now presented three webinars through its "High-Value Cardiology Best Practices" series, covering topics ranging from:

- Dec 7: High-Value Evaluation of Chest Pain
- Jan 31: High-Value Evaluation of Congestive Heart Failure
- Feb 27: High-Value Treatment of Electrophysiology Disorders

During the most recent webinar on "High-Value Cardiac Electrophysiology," Dr. Menachem Waksalak from the Heart Medical Group reviewed the variations in treatment of atrial fibrillation

including ambulatory versus inpatient treatment, as well as recommendations for medical treatment versus increasingly popular catheter ablations. He also addressed variations in use of implantable defibrillators.

The fourth and final cardiology webinar will be led by Dr. Sameer Amin from Healthcare Partners Medical Group. This webinar will address best practices in high-value cardiac interventions, including variances around treatment of coronary artery and valvular disease.



**Webinar: High-Value Interventional Cardiology**

Thursday, Apr 12, 2018 | 12:30pm - 1:30pm (PST)

[Learn more and register here.](#)

**Recordings and slides from all webinar presentations are available upon request.** Keep an eye out for our upcoming "High-Value Oncology Best Practices" webinar series, starting in May with a program on the "Value and Limitations of Oncology Guidelines."

Questions about these webinars? Contact **Karen Hsu** at [khsu@calquality.org](mailto:khsu@calquality.org).

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## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

### Cigna joins CQC's Steering Committee

A warm welcome to Cigna as the newest member of the Steering Committee! By joining CQC and other diverse stakeholders at the table, they have shown their dedication to improving the quality and efficiency of the health care delivery system in California. We look forward to partnering with Cigna in future programs, trainings, and collaboratives.



For more information on the CQC Steering Committee and how to join, [visit our website here](#).

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### CQC presents at the 2018 CMS Quality Conference

At this year's CMS Quality Conference in Baltimore, MD, CQC's [Practice Transformation Initiative \(PTI\)](#) was recognized for its contribution to Person and Family Engagement. PTI was one of twelve Practice Transformation Networks (PTNs) selected out of the 29 PTNs participating in the nationwide program.



In addition, PTI was one of two PTNs selected to share their performance and best practices in support of improving health outcomes. As of September 2017, over 7,000 Californians are receiving better diabetes care as a direct result of PTI's work. CQC staff's commitment to developing a sustainable model for change in partnership and using the "train the trainer" model with thirteen enrolled provider organizations has proven to be a unique approach with measurable results.

Questions about the PTI program? Contact **April Watson** at [awatson@calquality.org](mailto:awatson@calquality.org).

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### And the Spirit of Transformation Award goes to...

During the February [Practice Transformation Initiative \(PTI\)](#) convening in Southern California, the Palo Alto Medical Foundation (PAMF) team received the highly coveted *Spirit of Transformation Award*. PAMF was recognized by their peers for their innovative work to reduce physician burnout

using a team-based care approach with significant results. Practice transformation at their pilot site reduced physician burnout by an average of 34%. Congratulations to the amazing team at Palo Alto Medical Foundation!

Questions about the PTI program? Contact **April Watson** at [awatson@calquality.org](mailto:awatson@calquality.org).



## PARTNER UPDATES

### IHA releases California Health Care Cost & Quality Atlas, 2nd edition

*Updated snapshot for 29 million insured Californians highlights pre- and post-Affordable Care Act (ACA) quality and cost changes, wide geographic variation, and value of integrated care*

Health care quality and cost for commercially insured Californians varied dramatically in 2015, indicating that where you live affects the care you receive and how much it costs – just one of the new findings from the [California Regional Health Care Cost & Quality Atlas](#). Developed by the nonprofit [Integrated Healthcare Association](#) (IHA), in partnership with the [California Health Care Foundation](#) (CHCF) and [California Health and Human Services \(CHHS\) Agency](#), the Atlas is the state's source of comparable performance information about the quality and cost of care provided to 29 million Californians.

 The second edition of the Atlas brings together 2013 and 2015 multi-payer data by geographic region – including commercial insurance, Medicare, and Medi-Cal – on more than 30 standardized measures of health care quality, cost, patient cost sharing, and utilization to help target performance improvement initiatives. The Atlas helps providers understand how their organization's performance compares to both regional and statewide performance. An [IHA fact sheet](#) provides more details about the Atlas and measures.

### CQC partners with the California Improvement Network

The California Quality Collaborative is one of seventeen health care organizations that have been selected as partners for the California Health Care Foundation's [California Improvement Network](#) (CIN) in 2018-19. Collectively, these organizations serve or support more than 20.6 million patients across the state – more than half the population of California.

Established in 2005, CIN is a community of health professionals committed to identifying and spreading better ideas for care delivery to improve patient and provider experience and the health of populations while lowering the cost of care. CIN also seeks to strengthen relationships across the commercial and safety net provider and health plan communities.



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For more information on the network and its partners, [read their press release here](#).

### CQC Mission Statement:

California Quality Collaborative (CQC) is a health care improvement organization dedicated to advancing the quality and efficiency of the health care delivery system in California. The CQC will generate scalable and measurable improvement in care delivery in ways important to patients, purchasers, providers, and health plans.

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