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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### A CQC “Best Practices in Oncology” Webinar

#### “Doctor, is this test really necessary?” - The Medical Necessity of Diagnostic Imaging and Testing in Medical Oncology

**Faculty: Eric Chevlen, MD**

Thursday, March 28, 2019  
12:30 - 1:30 pm (PST)

**Register here:** <https://cqc-onco-series-3-2019.eventbrite.com>

In the fourth of CQC's educational webinar series, Dr. Eric Chevlen will be presenting on the medical necessity of diagnostic imaging and testing in medical oncology.

#### Summary:

Laboratory tests and diagnostic imaging are medically necessary only if they improve health outcomes for patients. Many such procedures do not accomplish that goal. This is particularly true in screening and diagnosis of cancer. This lecture will review the general principles of how to assess the value of these procedures and will give several examples of the real-life application of these principles.

**Eric Chevlen, MD**, is a board-certified medical oncologist. He earned his MD degree at the Ohio State University College of Medicine. After training in internal medicine at Mt. Sinai Hospital and University Hospital in Cleveland, OH, he did a fellowship in medical oncology at the National Cancer Institute.

Dr. Eric Chevlen practiced clinical oncology, hematology, and pain medicine for 30 years, both in California and Ohio. For the last 12 years has been doing medical necessity reviews for insurance plans.

This webinar will be co-hosted by **Bart Wald, MD**, Medical Director of the [California Quality Collaborative \(CQC\)](#).

#### Who should attend:

This series will evaluate best practices in managing the costs of care related to oncology referrals, procedures, and treatments and is designed for those who frequently evaluate the medical necessity and appropriateness of oncology care, including:

- Medical directors;
- Nurse care managers;
- Utilization review nurses;
- Oncologists interested in learning about current best practices in high quality and cost-effective care

#### Future Webinars:

- Stay tuned for future webinars!

#### Contact us:

Questions? Bring them to the webinar or contact Jose Ordonez at [jordonez@calquality.org](mailto:jordonez@calquality.org).

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## Workgroup on Advancing Depression Care Effectiveness through PROMs

Friday, April 26, 2019 | 10:00am - 3:00pm (PDT)

Location: Oakland City Center Conference Center | 500 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 105, Paramount Room | Oakland, CA 94607

[Learn more and register here.](#)

The growing number of accountable care organizations (ACOs) and integrated delivery systems for commercial and other payers in California presents an opportunity to advance care redesign and the collection of high value, innovative measures, such as patient reported outcomes measures (PROMs), as a means to improve quality and affordability. IHA, PBGH, and CQC are hosting a half-day workshop that will convene purchasers, health plans, physician organizations and other stakeholders to discuss how these organizations can collaborate to improve measurement and outcomes for depression care.

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### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

#### MedPOINT Management wins the Spirit of Transformation Award!

Congratulations to MedPOINT Management for winning the Spirit of Transformation award during the PTI Annual Convening in Seal Beach on February 5! The MedPOINT Management Team delivered an amazing story about the work they did with a practice to truly engage patients in improving their care that embodied the work of Patient Engagement. Amazing job, MedPOINT Management Team!

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#### Pacific Business Group on Health Practice Transformation Network Performance Story

The Practice Transformation Initiative Team would like to share an 8-minute video clip of our performance across California through our network's 13 provider organizations. This video summarizes the program model and results to date, including how we analyze performance across cohorts of practices. Please click [here](#) to see our video.

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#### Three Strategies to Help Primary Care Teams Treat Substance Use Disorder

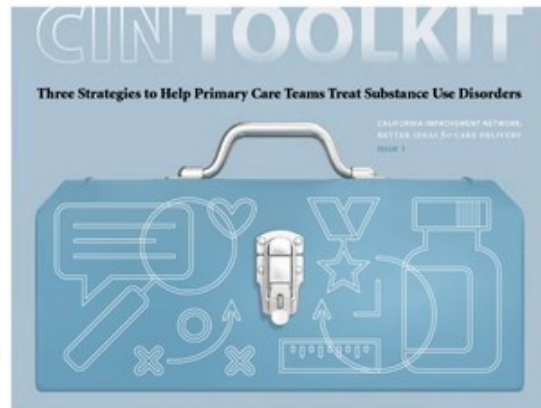
The California Improvement Network's newest technical assistance, *Three Strategies to Help Primary Care Teams Treat Substance Use Disorders (SUDs)*, includes a step-by-step roadmap with proven strategies, best practices, and tools.

The ideas suggested in the toolkit were gleaned from a variety of sources: evidence-based practices and resources cited in literature, feedback from experts in the field, and interviews with experienced California health care organizations across safety net and commercial settings. This toolkit is applicable for all organizations along the journey of integration, from those just starting out to those scaling up to full integration.

Three high-level strategies that can be used by all organizations across the integration spectrum:

1. Shift attitudes about SUD, treatment, and patients with addictions
2. Increase awareness of SUD through screening, either sequentially or, ideally, in parallel with the following strategy
3. Accelerate access to SUD treatment in incremental phases scaling towards full integration among all care team

Please click [here](#) to see the toolkit



## 2018 CQC Impact Report Released

Hot off the presses, CQC's Annual Report is now available. Read more about [CQC's impact in 2018](#), including measurable improvement on clinical outcomes and cost savings and highlights of our program and training events and resources.



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## PARTNER UPDATES

### APG's Annual Conference

**Register today** for America's Physician Groups **Annual Conference 2019 Quality and Efficiency: How to Succeed in Risk-Based Models, April 11-13 in San Diego**. APG's Annual Conference 2019 is one of the nation's premier events for physician organizations practicing and moving into value-based healthcare delivery. During the Conference, you'll hear from policy experts, leaders in the public sector and successful physicians who are at the forefront of the value movement, experience unparalleled networking opportunities, and even have a little fun! Featured speakers include **Eric Topol, MD**, Executive VP, Scripps Research Director and Founder, Scripps Research Translational Institute; **Aneesh Chopra**, CareJourney; **Laura Jacobs, MPH**, Managing Partner, GE Healthcare Partners; **Paul Keckly, PhD**, Principal, The Keckley Group, and many more!

## Webinar: New health data policies and funding coming to California

Proposed federal regulations from both CMS and ONC will accelerate health information sharing in California and across the country — creating new requirements providers and health plans need to meet. Luckily state funding is available to help. California is investing \$50 million this year to help hospitals and providers participate in health information exchanges (HIEs). It's called the California Medi-Cal HIE Onboarding Program (Cal-HOP). The sessions will be hosted by Claudia Williams, CEO of Manifest MedEx (MX), who previously led health data policy at the White House and Erica Galvez, MX Chief Strategy Officer, who developed ONC's interoperability roadmap. Tune in to get answers to your policy questions and a head start on Cal-HOP. Sign up for a webinar [here](#).

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## CalHIPSO First Ever State-Wide Conference

Health IT - After Meaningful Use  
Monday, May 13, 2019 | 9:30am - 4:30pm (PDT)  
Location: Sheraton Grand Sacramento



This exciting one-day event will feature a lineup of nationally recognized speakers sharing information on payment reform, medical-dental integration, health plan perspectives and the most recent topics with the federal government and the new Governor in California.

For registration and more information about this event, please click [here](#).

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## CIN Webinar and Resource Page on Risk-Based Payment Models

PBGH's Emma Hoo presented as expert faculty during his hour-long webinar. This webinar provided an overview of the main payment models in play nationally with a focus on risk-based models and managing total cost of care. Participants learned about:

- Health care payment models using the categories and terminology of the Health Care Payment Learning & Action Network framework
- The common payment models in California, in both the commercial and safety-net markets
- The mechanics and main success factors in risk-based models including the major drivers for succeeding in managing total cost of care

Click [here](#), to see the webinar. Also, CIN has just released their resource page on managing total cost of care to succeed in risk-based payments. To see this page, please click [here](#).

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## CQC and PTI featured in Health Affairs


CQC's PTI program was highlighted in [Health Affairs](#) as an opportunity to redesign care for a higher quality, higher value, better integrated experience structured into competitive care systems as a means to achieve the new Governor Newsom's goals of universal coverage and affordability.

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### 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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