







The Opioid Crisis 2017 NQP Leadership Consortium Priority #1

PRIORITY FOR ACTION: THE OPIOID CRISIS

Problem: The Rise of Harmful and Deadly Opioid Use

The rising use of opioids has led to a national crisis of dependence, addiction, overdose, and death. Over the past 20 years, opioid prescriptions have tripled, and the number of opioid-related deaths has quadrupled. Many healthcare systems and providers as well as national, state, and community organizations have launched bold initiatives to address the challenge. However, they lack a hub to coordinate efforts and share strategies and pest practices to address inappropriate prescribing, promote a broader array of pain management strategies, and provide support and services to individuals at risk for adverse events.

NQP Action: Develop NQP Opioid Stewardship Playbook

The NQP Leadership Consortium recommends the launch of an NQP Opioid Stewardship Action Team to coordinate the exchange of best practices and solutions to improve opioid prescribing and adequate pain management. The Action Team will convene a diverse group of NQF member organizations to drive national progress through a shared agenda, common measurement strategies, and coordination and alignment of stakeholder activities. The Action Team will provide a forum for engagement in support of the *National Quality Partners Playbook*^m: *Opioid Stewardship*, a resource with strategies and tactics for appropriate opioid prescribing and approaches to pain management, particularly for individuals with chronic pain and those at risk of dependence and addiction.

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- Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
- American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons
- American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
- American Nurses Association
- American Physical Therapy Association
- American Society of Health-System Pharmacists
- Appriss Health
- BlueCross BlueShield Association
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
- Council of Medical Specialty Societies
- Dental Quality Alliance
- Elevating Home
- Geisinger Health System
- Harborview Medical Center
- Health Resources and Services Administration
- HealthPartners
- Henry Ford Hospital
- Heron Therapeutics

- Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association
- Hospital Corporation of America
- IBM Watson Health
- Institute for Behavioral Healthcare Improvement
- Institute for Healthcare Improvement
- Kaiser Permanente
- Kentuckiana Health Collaborative
- Magellan Health, Inc.
- Mayo Clinic
- Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center
- Partners Behavioral Health Management
- Patient & Family Centered Care Partners, Inc.
- Pharmacy Quality Alliance
- Premier Healthcare Alliance
- Press Ganey Associates
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
- Trinity Health
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