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## EQIC events

**Thursday, March 30**

**[Reducing hospital readmissions by partnering with skilled nursing facilities](#)**

**1 - 3 p.m.**

During this two-hour caucus, EQIC will present its newest initiative to reduce hospital readmissions by partnering with skilled nursing facilities. Hospitals will learn how to partner with SNFs that have frequent readmissions to their facility and reduce readmission rates through a collaborative work approach. Sara Butterfield and Diane Judson from IPRO will moderate a panel-type discussion with hospital and nursing home teams that collaborated as part of IPRO's program.

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## Announcements

### **Reminder: Register for the upcoming workgroup monthly meetings!**

EQIC is excited to kick off our workgroup meetings next month. The workgroups provide a platform for hospitals to develop action plans to improve performance outcomes to meet our CMS goals. Action plans will explore various opportunities for improvement to facilitate hospitals' ability to take action and implement tools, resources and workflows to improve performance outcomes.

Workgroup meetings begin next month in the following areas:

- ADE/opioid prescribing;
- falls;
- health equity;
- infections;
- patient and family engagement;

- pressure injuries;
- readmissions; and
- sepsis.

If you received your workgroup welcome email last week, be sure to register for the monthly workgroup meeting using the link provided. If you would like to join one of our workgroups, please contact your project manager to get added to the mailing list.

We look forward to continuing our work in improving patient safety in your organizations through this new workgroup structure.

## **Celebrate Patient Safety Awareness Week March 12-18**

[Patient Safety Awareness Week](#) is an annual recognition event intended to encourage everyone to learn more about healthcare safety. During this week, the Institute for Healthcare Improvement seeks to advance important discussions locally and globally, and inspire action to improve the safety of the healthcare system for patients and the workforce.

Patient Safety Awareness Week serves as a dedicated time and platform for growing awareness about patient safety and recognizing the work already being done. We thank all our EQIC hospitals for their ongoing work to improve patient safety. Please see the IHI website for their patient safety resources, as well as the [poster presentations](#) of our hospitals that were shared last month during EQIC's virtual conference, *Patient safety: Navigating the new normal*.

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## **Tools and resources**

### **EQIC data tutorials now available online**

EQIC added two new resources to the secure [data portal](#) to help with your data reporting requirements. They are located under the new "Tutorials" tab, which can be found after logging in. The "EQIC Data Portal Tour" provides an overall guide on what information is available on the portal, how to access that information and how to enter data, if necessary. The "Statistics Overview of EQIC Portal Charts" shows the analytic tools that are available and how to use the tools in your data analysis. Please contact your project manager with any questions about accessing the tutorials or the information contained therein.

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## **Education**

**Thursday, April 13**

[Connecting your hospital culture of safety to patient harm reduction](#)

**1 - 2 p.m.**

According to the February 2022 *New England Journal of Medicine*, improvements in patient safety were quickly and severely reversed during the COVID-19 pandemic, indicating that the healthcare system lacks a sufficiently resilient safety culture and infrastructure. Hospitals now have an opportunity and an obligation to reevaluate patient safety with an eye toward building a more resilient healthcare delivery system. During this next CMS Community of Practice Call, join the discussion on how successful and sustainable patient safety improvement rests heavily on an organizational culture of attitudes, actions, teamwork and technology centered on reducing the risk of patient harm.

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## Questions

Please contact [Cathleen Wright](#) or your [EQIC project manager](#) with any questions.

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