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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

### **EQIC'S new CEO mailing provides program information to hospital leadership**

In our continued efforts to communicate with and engage hospital leadership in your quality improvement work, EQIC recently sent the first of its quarterly CEO communications. Hospital CEOs received an email that contained a hospital-specific dashboard of performance across select EQIC measures, the focus areas in which your teams have been working and highlights of EQIC-wide programming. This high-level update provides leadership with a snapshot of the progress your hospital staff is making in its QI work as a part of the EQIC program.

### **Today is Doctors' Day**

National Doctors' Day is celebrated annually on March 30. This holiday honors physicians for the work they do for their patients, the communities they serve and for society as a whole. It is their hard work

and devotion that keeps all of us healthy, and this day serves to thank them for doing that for us and our loved ones. The holiday first started in 1933 in Winder, Georgia, and has been honored every year on March 30, the anniversary of a doctor using ether anesthesia by Dr. Crawford W. Long. EQIC is grateful for the work of all the doctors at our participating hospitals and all over the country. Please don't forget to recognize your physicians on their special day.

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## Tools and resources

### Building a successful DEI program

Developing and implementing a successful Diversity, Equity and Inclusion program is a critical imperative for all nurse leaders and healthcare organizations. Accomplishing this goal can positively impact patient experience and result in higher employee satisfaction, less turnover and improved patient care. However, there can be many obstacles. Join this free, on-demand 90-minute [webinar](#) from the American Nurses Association to learn real-world actions you can take to build an effective DEI program and improve the overall health of your local community.

Additionally, AHA's [Diversity and Inclusion in Leadership and Governance Toolkit](#) provides leaders with practical guidance to increase and advance diversity and inclusion within and beyond the board room to eliminate health disparities, resulting in better health outcomes for patients and communities.

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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

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