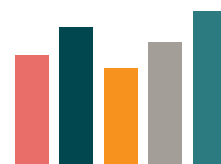


MEASUREMENT MINUTE

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Quality Measurement and Reporting During COVID-19 and Beyond

MNCM recognizes the current COVID-19 situation will have significant implications for health care quality performance in 2020 and beyond, and that adjustments may be needed in the approach for quality measurement and reporting in both the short and long term. MNMCM is carefully monitoring activities at the federal and state levels that will have implications for quality measurement here in Minnesota. In June, MNMCM will engage the Measurement and Reporting Committee (MARC) to develop recommendations on the approach for quality measurement and reporting for 2020 and beyond. The recommendations will be shared with the community for broader input before final determinations are made. MNMCM welcomes information from stakeholders on efforts to analyze and estimate the impacts of COVID-19 on clinical quality performance and actions being taken to mitigate impacts to quality of care. Information can be provided by email to support@mncm.org.

MNCM Introduces Enhanced Website and Community Blog

MNCM launched a new corporate website with enhanced resources to better support the community. The site is designed to allow for easy navigation and helpful information on how MNMCM carries out its mission to empower health care decision makers with meaningful data to drive improvement. The new MNMCM blog will allow the community to hear directly from the MNMCM president on key priorities, and will include articles that showcase advances in measurement, innovation, and community partnerships.

Please visit www.mncm.org to find the most recent MNMCM community reports, updated information on MNMCM services, resources for measurement and data submission, and opportunities to get involved with our work. The new site delivers a single gateway to access all MNMCM-related sites including MNHealthScores and resources for data contributors (MNCM Knowledge Base and Help Desk, MNMCM Academy, and the MNMCM Data Portal).

MNCM Board of Directors Welcomes Two New Members



Rahul Koranne, M.D., MBA, FACP is the president and CEO of the Minnesota Hospital Association (MHA). Dr. Koranne joined MHA in February 2015, first serving as senior vice president of clinical affairs and chief medical officer before being named to his current position in February 2020.



Tim Sielaff, M.D., PhD, FACS is the chief medical officer of Allina Health and the senior vice president in the Allina Health Group (AHG). Dr. Sielaff first joined Allina Health in 2005 to serve as the medical director of the Virginia Piper Cancer Institute (VPCI) at Abbott Northwestern Hospital (ANW).

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Save the Date for the 2020 MNMCM Annual Seminar

The MNMCM 2020 Annual Seminar will be held on Wednesday, October 7, at the Crowne Plaza Minneapolis West in Plymouth, Minnesota. This year's theme is Expanding the Possibilities. Attendees will explore together how we can continue to build on the significant work our community has done to advance improvements in health care quality and affordability.

The event will include the latest information on the approach for quality measurement and reporting in 2020 and beyond to address the impacts of COVID-19. Additional topics will include MNMCM innovation projects, insights from other regions advancing similar goals, as well as opportunities to learn and network with peers. Please save the date and watch for registration details in late April!



MNMCM Welcomes New Supporting Member

MNMCM is pleased to welcome the *Minnesota Health Action Group* as a supporting member. The Action Group is a coalition of public and private health care purchasers based in Bloomington, Minnesota. Members of the Action Group collaborate to drive innovations that support high-quality health care, create engaged consumers, and ensure the economic vitality of Minnesota communities.



MNMCM offers supporting memberships for several types of organizations, including medical groups, health plans, advocacy organizations, and commercial businesses. For more information, please contact Dina Wellbrock at wellbrock@mncm.org or 612-454-4829.

In Case You Missed It

IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON 2020 DATA COLLECTION CYCLE

MNMCM understands the expected impact of COVID-19 in the coming days and weeks is presenting challenges for all our stakeholders. Because 2020 data collection was largely complete before major COVID-19-related disruptions began, MNMCM is on track to complete 2020 quality measure results on time and is working with stakeholders on a case-by-case basis to accommodate extensions as needed. MNMCM plans to send preliminary statewide results for Direct Data Submission (DDS) measures to medical groups for a two-week review and comment period beginning Monday, April 13, and concluding on Monday, April 27. Medical groups that anticipate they will be unable to complete data submission by Friday, April 10, or complete all requested review by Friday, April 24, should reach out to MNMCM at support@mncm.org or 612-746-4522.

MNMCM BLOG LAUNCHED WITH ARTICLE FROM PRESIDENT JULIE SONIER

MNMCM President Julie Sonier's inaugural blog article, *MN Community Measurement: Past, Present, and Future*, discusses how the new site connects with the work the MNMCM board has been doing to position MNMCM to meet the evolving needs of the community.

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2019 MINNESOTA HEALTH CARE QUALITY REPORT RELEASED

On February 13, 2020, MNMCM released its annual report highlighting health care quality measures for medical groups and clinics in Minnesota. The *2019 Minnesota Health Care Quality Report* includes data on measures for preventive care, care for chronic conditions like diabetes and heart disease, depression care, and other measures. An appendix to the report includes detailed quality information for 213 medical groups and 948 clinics in Minnesota and neighboring states, and consumers can also search the data using an interactive tool at www.mnhealthscores.org.

Congratulations to the nine medical groups that achieved high performance on at least 50 percent of the measures they were eligible for, including: Central Pediatrics, Entira Family Clinics, Essentia Health, HealthPartners Central Minnesota Clinics, HealthPartners Clinics, Mankato Clinic, Park Nicollet Health Services, South Lake Pediatrics, and Wayzata Children's Clinics.

NEW INFOGRAPHIC RELEASED: COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING IN MINNESOTA

On March 11, 2020, MNMCM released a new *Colorectal Cancer Screening in Minnesota* infographic that highlights colorectal screening rates by county, age group, and sex, with details on the proportion of up-to-date screenings by type. It also calls out three key areas with opportunities for improvement. The infographic features data from the 2019 report year reflecting 2018 dates of service.

