

# ISQIC Newsletter

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### Announcements and Updates

#### Annual Progress Reports

Hospitals will receive the annual progress report template via email. The progress reports will consist of brief questions to update the coordinating center on your process measure selections and your ongoing CQIP and local projects, so we can understand how to best provide resources and plan meetings for our ISQIC Teams.

#### Benchmarking Reports

Over the next few weeks, the Coordinating Center will be releasing the Spring and Fall 2019 ISQIC benchmarking reports which will display your hospital's performance in comparison to other participating hospitals in Illinois. The reports include cases abstracted from July 2017 to December 2018. You will also see your hospital's adherence for all of the ISQIC process measures you have been abstracting (Postoperative Composite VTE, Appropriateness of Blood Transfusions, Perioperative Glycemic Control, SSI Reduction Bundle) compared to the state. The Spring Collaborative reports were delayed from NSQIP; however, the Spring ISQIC report will be provided first and then the Fall ISQIC benchmarking reports will be released the following month. We apologize for any inconvenience that may arise due to the delay of the reports.

Please contact us at [info@isqic.org](mailto:info@isqic.org) for any questions about these reports.

#### Anesthesia Champion Program Kickoff Webinar

The first Anesthesia Champion Program webinar was held on June 27, 2019. We were excited to hear from our enthusiastic anesthesia partners about the quality and safety initiatives they considered the most valuable. Some of the topics discussed included opioid reduction, critical events management, preoperative delirium and cognitive function, and brain health. Thank you to all of our anesthesia champions who participated in the call as well as the hospital teams who have been able to identify anesthesia leaders (Advocate Sherman, Delnor, Loyola, Memorial Hospital of Carbondale, Lake Forest, OSF Saint Elizabeth, OSF Saint Joseph, OSF Saint Mary, Presence Saint Joseph, Rush Oak Park, University of Chicago, and University of Illinois). Once your hospital has identified an Anesthesia Champion, please notify the coordinating center with their name and contact information. Our next webinar will be scheduled for the winter. The recording is available for download on [isqicdata.org](http://isqicdata.org).

#### Post-Discharge VTE Chemoprophylaxis Coaching Webinars

Our Coordinating Center continues to work on updating and enhancing the Post-Discharge VTE Chemoprophylaxis materials. You should have received version 2 of the Post-Discharge VTE Chemoprophylaxis Toolkit along with information about the updated process measures. We will continue to hold coaching calls/webinars that focus on a variety of post-discharge VTE chemoprophylaxis topics to help support the uptake and implementation of these materials at ISQIC hospitals.

The last coaching call was held on August 29, 2019 to help support the implementation of the Post-Discharge VTE Chemoprophylaxis best practice adherence measure and toolkit. Carle Foundation successfully implemented the Caprini tool and initially found decreased VTE occurrences, however, recently discovered a continued increase in VTE occurrences. They are now looking to implement a system-wide, three-bucket categorization (i.e., green, yellow, and red) to capture patients that go back and forth between the medical and surgical coverage.

Post-Discharge Extended VTE Chemoprophylaxis Coaching Webinar  
"S.W.A.T., the VTE Journey (Systematic Work Against Thrombosis)"

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Carle Foundation Hospital*

Please contact Brianna D'Orazio ([bdorazio@isqic.org](mailto:bdorazio@isqic.org)) if you have suggestions for improving the available materials or topic ideas for the coaching calls/webinars. The recording is available for download on [isqicdata.org](http://isqicdata.org).

## **New Opportunity: Laparoscopic Common Bile Duct Exploration Course for Hospitals**

Laparoscopic common bile duct exploration (LCBDE) remains an underutilized modality in the treatment of patients with common bile duct stones, despite research demonstrating equivalent success rates in alleviating ductal obstruction with the benefit of a shorter hospital stay and improved cost effectiveness when compared to the use of endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography (ERCP). Current LCBDE utilization is low due to its perception as being more difficult or taking longer than a laparoscopic cholecystectomy. Residents and surgeons also reported inexperience with LCBDE as a barrier to performing the procedure. In order to address common concerns, an LCBDE simulator was developed and validated by leaders in the field of mastery-based simulation skills and is now being offered as a one-day course. The goal of this course is to improve outcomes for patients with choledocolithiasis by teaching practicing surgeons the necessary background knowledge and procedural skills needed to perform a successful laparoscopic common bile duct exploration. The cost of the course is \$1200 and **financial aid is available**. Please contact the coordinating center for more information if your hospital is interested in this offering.

## **Opioid Education Modules**

The ISQIC Coordinating Center is excited to offer opioid education modules for three target audiences. The opioid education modules are a helpful resource for physicians, nurses, pharmacists, and others involved in surgical perioperative care. These interactive modules provide the user with information as well as scenarios and activities to test their knowledge of the opioid crisis, effective pain management, patient expectation setting, and safe use and disposal. Nurses may claim 0.5 CE credits for completing the nurse module. The opioid education modules are available for integration into your hospital's learning management system! For more information, visit <https://www.isqic.org/opioid-education-modules> or contact [bdorazio@isqic.org](mailto:bdorazio@isqic.org).

## **Opioid Stewardship Webinar Series**

The tenth webinar in the ISQIC Opioid Stewardship series, "Process Measure Reporting and Continued Improvement," was held on Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. During this webinar Dr. Jonah Stulberg presented the latest ISQIC process measure data on on-target opioid prescribing and discussed ongoing opioid reduction initiatives. Our next webinar will be held in late September/early October; stay tuned for an email with further details. All webinar recordings are available here <https://www.isqic.org/opioid-webinars> or on ISQICdata.org.

## **DEA National Prescription Drug Take Back Day**

October 26<sup>th</sup> is the semiannual DEA National Prescription Drug Take Back Day. Take Back Day provides a safe and anonymous method of drug disposal as a means of addressing a critical public health issue. If your hospital would like to learn more about participating, please contact [bdorazio@isqic.org](mailto:bdorazio@isqic.org).

## **Upcoming Events**

### **ISQIC 6th Annual Meeting**

The next ISQIC Annual Meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at the NIU Naperville Conference Center.

- **Excellence in Quality Awards-** ISQIC Excellence in Quality Awards are back! In order to recognize outstanding achievements in quality for our ISQIC Hospital teams, we will be awarding Excellence in Quality awards for best Surgical Clinical Reviewer, Best Surgeon Champion, and Best Quality Improvement Designee. Any member of your ISQIC team can submit nominations. Please send an email to the coordinating center ([info@isqic.org](mailto:info@isqic.org)) with your nomination, and explain in 200 words or less why you feel the person nominated should receive the Excellence in Quality Award.
- **Strong for Surgery Keynote-** Strong for Surgery brings a pre-surgery checklist to surgeons' offices to help with education, communication, and standardization of best practices to improve clinical outcomes. Our keynote speaker will be Dr. Thomas Varghese Jr. who helped create the American College of Surgeons Strong for Surgery program. Dr. Varghese is the Chief Value Officer at Huntsman Cancer Institute, Head of the Section of General Thoracic Surgery, Program Director of the Cardiothoracic Surgery Fellowship, and an Associate Professor in the department of Surgery at the University of Utah.

### **Second Annual Illinois Surgical Conference (ISC) – April 25, 2020 - Save the Date!**

Save the date for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Illinois Surgical Conference! ISQIC has again partnered with the Chicago Surgical Society, the Metro Chicago and Illinois Chapters of the American College of Surgeons, and the Illinois Surgical Society to provide an exciting combined meeting on Saturday, April 25, 2020. The meeting will be held at the Union League Club located in downtown Chicago. The combined meeting will include each of the society's regular activities plus much more. We hope you will be able to join us. We will keep you informed as more information about the meeting becomes available.

ISQIC would like to recognize our hospitals for the amazing work that goes into our quality improvement efforts. We would like to share lessons learned that may be useful throughout the collaborative in our “In the Spotlight” section. If you would like to share your story, please email the Coordinating Center ([info@isqic.org](mailto:info@isqic.org))!



## New ISQIC Coordinating Center Staff!



**Brianna D'Orazio, MPH**  
**Project Manager**

Brianna recently moved to Chicago from New York, where she worked in practice-based research with a focus on improving health equity in underserved populations at Community Health Centers and safety-net hospitals. She is excited to be a part of the ISQIC Coordinating Center and looks forward to working with the hospital teams on the opioid reduction, post discharge VTE reduction, and prehabilitation and optimization CQIPS. In her free time she tries new restaurants, takes dance classes, and serves on the Alumnae Council for Barnard College, her alma mater. Feel free to reach out to her at [bdorazio@isqic.org](mailto:bdorazio@isqic.org)!



**Nathan Monson, MS**  
**Developer**

Nate has BA in Biology from Emory University and an MS in Electrical and Computer Engineering from University of Arizona. The past three years he has been a software design engineer and developer for desktop applications. Nate is excited to join the ISQIC Coordinating Center team and working at the intersection of software and clinical research. Nate brings his background in biological research along with his domain knowledge to the information technology side of ISQIC by supporting [ISQICdata.org](http://ISQICdata.org) and our other data collection portals and platforms.