



# Accelerating Primary Care Transformation in Oregon

September 2015 Newsletter

## In the Spotlight!

### Naturopathic Clinic and Institute Collaborative Participant Designated as Top Tier Primary Care Facility



Over the past year the [National College of Natural Medicine](#) (NCNM) participated in an Institute collaborative focusing on access, and since then has become a recognized Patient-Centered Primary Care Home. This accomplishment was featured in an Oregonian article after State officials designated NCNM as a top tier primary care facility. Only a handful of naturopathic practices have been certified as Patient-Centered Primary Care Homes. The National College of Natural Medicine clinic, which serves 5,600 patients, is the largest. To learn more about NCNM read the Institute's blog post on [forming meaningful and engaging teams](#) for the purpose of enhancing team based care. Congratulations to NCNM for all their hard work!

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## Featured Blog Posts

### Know the Experts: Oregon Primary Care Association



## Webinars

### Contraception as a Quality Metric: The Innovative Work in Oregon

SEPTEMBER 22, 2015 | 8:30AM PST

This webinar will describe the creation of a new, pay-for-performance quality metric in Oregon: "Effective contraception use among women at risk of unintended pregnancy". We will discuss the development of the metric, the goals of adding it to the pay-for-performance set for CCOs, and how it parallels national work to build a contraception metric that would be eligible for national endorsement. We will also cover strategies for clinical systems to improve their performance on the contraception metric, and why contraception is a key preventive service for women of reproductive age.

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### Resource Orientation

SEPTEMBER 29, 2015 | 8:30AM PST

Are you new in your role supporting primary care home development? If so, please join us for one of our monthly orientation sessions so you are aware of the resources available to primary care practices and other stakeholders through the Patient-Centered Primary Care Institute website ([pcpci.org](http://pcpci.org)). The next session is **September 29**; subsequent sessions will be held the last Tuesday of every month. Click [here](#) to view the other dates and information needed to register.

### No More Bad Meetings

The Oregon Primary Care Association (OPCA) is a nonprofit membership association for Oregon's community health centers, also known as Federally Qualified Health Centers, or FQHCs. OPCA shares the latest ideas, expert advice and proven techniques for keeping patients healthy, and educating policymakers about the need for accessible, high-quality primary care for low-income and other vulnerable Oregonians.

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## EvidenceNow: Advancing Heart Health in Primary Care



The U.S. Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality ([AHRQ](#)) has made heart health a priority through the campaign [EvidenceNOW: Advancing Heart Health in Primary Care](#). Heart disease is the leading cause of death for men and women in the United States; on an annual basis, Americans suffer over 1.5 million heart attacks and strokes. On May 26, 2015 the [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services](#) Secretary, Sylvia M. Burwell, announced awards of \$112 million to regional cooperatives to work with about 5,000 primary care professionals in 12 states to improve the heart health of their nearly 8 million patients through the EvidenceNOW campaign. [Read more >>>](#)

### More from the Blog:

- [Northwest Primary Care: The Importance of Quality Data for Diabetes Screening](#)
- [Everyone with Diabetes Counts: Acumentra Health Partners with Communities and Clinics to Increase Access to Diabetes Self-Management Education](#)

## Job Listing with Q Corp!

Q Corp is looking for a **Facilitation & Improvement Specialist** to join the Institute team. If you have contacts with experience in practice facilitation, project management or working with a variety of stakeholders to solve complex problems this might be a great position for

OCTOBER 20, 2015 | 8:00AM PST

Regardless of our role or organization, many of us spend at least some (if not most) of our working day in meetings. A recent survey on meetings found that almost 3 in 5 workers reported multitasking in status update meetings, and more than half would "rather do an unpleasant task" than participate in those meetings ([Clarizen, 2015](#)). Yikes! So how do you know if you are leading or attending good meetings? This webinar will review the components of a good meeting, and how meeting facilitators can identify and correct meetings that don't deliver value to participants.

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## Tobacco Use: Identification, Intervention and Referral

NOVEMBER 18, 2015 | 8:00AM PST

Tobacco use remains the No. 1 preventable cause of death and disease in Oregon, killing 7000 people each year, and costing Oregonians \$2.5 billion a year in medical expenditures and lost productivity due to premature death. This webinar will explore and identify opportunities for increased patient participation in tobacco cessation through evidence-based interventions.

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## Check out these opportunities!

Understanding Privacy Laws for Physical and Behavioral Health Information Sharing.

SEPTEMBER 29, 2015 | 11:00AM PST

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) is focused on developing a strategy to support integrated care and services by enabling the electronic sharing of behavioral health information between providers. This is a critical step in supporting the coordinated care model, and realizing the goal of better health, better care and lower costs for everyone. OHA created an internal advisory group, the Behavioral Health Information Sharing Advisory Group, to spearhead this work.

them. Information on the role and how to apply are available on the [Q Corp website](#). If you have any questions you can contact Kate Elliott, Program Director at [kate.elliott@q-corp.org](mailto:kate.elliott@q-corp.org).

## About Us

Thank you for subscribing to the Patient-Centered Primary Care Institute newsletter. The Institute accelerates primary care transformation in Oregon by bringing together health care providers, clinic staff, technical experts, patients, quality improvement professionals and others to share valuable knowledge and resources. To learn more about our work, visit [pcpci.org](http://pcpci.org).

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Be the Change: Strategies for Health Care Transformation

OCTOBER 13, 2015 | 8:00AM PST



Mark your calendar to join the HealthInsight Quality Innovation Network-Quality Improvement Organization in a one-day interactive session to kick off our ongoing *Change Agents* learning and action network. As HealthInsight's Oregon affiliate, Acumentra Health invites you to participate with your peers, share your experiences, and gain valuable strategies for working sustainably toward better health, better care, and lower costs.

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## Resources

Enjoy these resources on **One Key Question®**, **tabacco cessation materials** and a **behavioral health screening tool**.

[One Key Question: Would You Like to Become Pregnant in the Next Year?](#)

[website]

[QUIT Resources](#) [Documents]

[The CRAFFT Screening Tool](#) [Website and Tool]

*The Institute is continually gathering valuable resources, tools and information to share with practices in all stages of patient-centered primary care home transformation.*

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