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A BI-WEEKLY LOOK AT THE BUSINESS & POLITICS OF HEALTH CARE IN NEW JERSEY



SCHWIMMER SCRIPT

PRESIDENT & CEO, LINDA SCHWIMMER

[We Need More Information on Surgical Safety in Outpatient Departments, Ambulatory Centers](#)

This week I wrote an op-ed, published in [NJSpotlight.com](#), on the importance of having greater transparency on safety and quality at outpatient surgery settings. More surgeries are being done in these settings, but there's very little public information for consumers. That is why I am thrilled that The Leapfrog Group just released a [national report](#) that looks at surgery beyond hospital walls. I invite you to click the button below to read my full op-ed. We also are calling on all hospital outpatient departments and ambulatory surgery centers in New Jersey to participate in the survey. **Please also consider adding your voice to the conversation by commenting on [NJSpotlight.com](#) or reaching out to me directly.**

[Read Full Linda Schwimmer Op-Ed](#)



FRANK GHINASSI

PRESIDENT AND CEO, UNIVERSITY
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE AT
RUTGERS GLOBAL HEALTH INSTITUTE



TAKE FIVE INTERVIEW

Frank Ghinassi is the President and CEO of University Behavioral Health Care at Rutgers Global Health Institute (Rutgers Health UBHC).

Interview Sneak Peek: *How are you using performance measurement and feedback to keep improving quality?*

We measure a wide variety of process and outcome indicators of health and wellness, along with the evidence base for and the adequacy of the “dose” of care. For example, what percentage of people are still coming to appointments after the initial diagnosis and treatment plan? Or, of people who start a medication, say treatment for depression, how many are still taking and refilling their medication in six months? We may use a depression inventory or an anxiety inventory to track the degree of change and /or severity of your symptoms. We are focused on measuring your functional effectiveness, as in how well are you engaging in work, school, and social activities?

[Read Full
Interview](#)

QUARTERLY QUALITY BREAKFAST

How to Prepare for the Expansion of Medical Marijuana in New Jersey

Panel 1: The Regulation of Medical Marijuana
Moderated by Shereef Elnahal, MD, MBA



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Panel 2: Patient Safety and Prescribing
Moderated by Kemi Alli, MD



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How does the expansion of medical marijuana affect different types of providers and employers in New Jersey? What can the state and the medical marijuana industry do to help prevent adverse drug events like we're seeing with regards to vaping? What efforts are underway to bring Federal laws in line with states like New Jersey that have legalized medical marijuana?

Join the Quality Institute and our two panels of dynamic experts at our Quality Breakfast on **Thursday, November 14th, 8:30am – 11:30am** at the **Trenton Country Club**. Enjoy two vibrant, informative, and timely panel discussions on the Regulation of Medical Marijuana and Patient Safety and Prescribing, moderated by our Board members, Shereef Elnahal, MD, MBA, and Kemi Alli, MD.

This event is for members and invited guests only.

Register Now!



MAYORS WELLNESS CAMPAIGN

Join the  MAYORS WELLNESS CAMPAIGN at the 2019 NJLM Conference!



Join Quality Institute's Mayors Wellness Campaign (MWC) at the 2019 [League of Municipalities Conference](#) November 19 - 21 at the Atlantic City Conference Center. **Visit booth #105** to learn how the MWC can support your efforts to improve the health and wellness of your community, and gain early access to a new MWC tool and the New Jersey Healthy Town application.

New Jersey Department of Health Commissioner Judy Persichilli will join us at our booth for a Meet and Greet on Wednesday, November 20th, at 10:30 am.

Be sure to check out all of the MWC's other exciting events happening at our booth throughout the week, including our [MWC panel session](#) on Tuesday, November 19, at 2:00 pm; and healthy cooking demonstrations Tuesday, November 19, at 11:00 am and Wednesday, November 20, at 1:00 pm. **Thank you to all our 2019 MWC sponsors who are dedicated to improving community health across the state.**

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