



NEW JERSEY HEALTH CARE **QUALITY INSTITUTE**

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



PRESIDENT & CEO, LINDA SCHWIMMER

Keep Driving Quality — Despite the Challenges of 2020

I recently re-read the [blog](#) that I wrote in January, which outlined the Quality Institute's priorities for 2020. Of course, there's no mention of PPEs, masks, or COVID. But our overall goals and ideas to drive quality, community health, and affordability have not changed during this turbulent year. I'd like to update you as we enter the fall, and a possible resurgence of COVID-19, as well as a challenging economy with joblessness at record levels.

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TAKE FIVE INTERVIEW

Interviews with members, influencers, and noteworthy people

Calvin H. Knowlton, BScPharm, Ph.D., is the Founder and CEO of Tabula Rasa HealthCare, a long-time member of the Quality Institute's Purchaser Council. The company provides patient-specific, data-driven technology to optimize medication regimens.

Interview Sneak Peek: *As a leader in medication safety, what have you discovered about the risk of adverse drug events associated with drugs repurposed for the treatment of COVID-19?*

...We looked at an older group of people about 75 years old with 10 comorbidities. We found that when you add repurposed drugs for COVID you may fix COVID, but it adds a lot more risk to the patient. We didn't give the meds to anybody. We simulated adding these drugs to analyze what would happen. And so I think it's an eye opener.

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**HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE AND THE
NEW STATE-BASED EXCHANGE**

*Join us on 10/14 at 12pm for this
Member Exclusive Webinar*

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Quality Institute Members - Join us for the second webinar in our *Stronger Together: Improving the Safety, Quality, and Affordability, of Health Care for Everyone* webinar series, where participants will learn about strategies to support open enrollment from state and industry experts. This event will be moderated by our [President & CEO Linda Schwimmer](#).

Featured Experts Speaking in this Virtual Event:

- [Commissioner Marlene Caride, New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance](#) (Pictured right.)

- **Desmond Slattery**, Legislative Chair, [NJ Issues Association of Health Underwriters](#); Director of Business Development, BenefitMall
- **Maura Collinsgru**, Health Care Program Director, [New Jersey Citizen Action](#)
- **Monica Chopra**, Head of the Northeast Region, [Oscar](#)
- **Michael Considine**, VP Consumer, Small Group & Mid Markets, [Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey](#)
- **Mike Munoz**, Market President, [AmeriHealth New Jersey](#)



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CONVERSATION OF YOUR LIFE

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**HAVING THE CONVERSATION:
PLANNING AHEAD FOR THE
UNEXPECTED**

Join us on **11/5 at 12pm** for this webinar.

This webinar is geared towards health care providers and New Jersey residents.

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We welcome and invite everyone, from community members to health care providers, to our COYL webinar, *Having the Conversation: Planning Ahead for the Unexpected*. You and your loved ones will gain peace of mind by making your health care wishes known before a medical emergency happens. Learn tips, tools, and strategies to communicate your wishes to loved ones and your health care providers. For providers, learn tips to engage your patients on this topic and invite them to the webinar.

This event will be moderated by our Community Coordinator, [Dapa Wilcox](#), and will feature prominent experts: **Margaret “Gretchen” Schwarze, MD, MPP, FACS**, Associate Professor, University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, and **Tacy Silverberg-Urian, RN, BSN, CHPN**, Founder at Advance Choices.

Goals of This Webinar:

- Engage NJ residents and health care providers in conversations around advance care planning.
- Increase the number of NJ residents who have documented their goals of care and communicated them with their caregivers and providers.

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For information on how to join, please contact Virginia Tesser at vtesser@njhcqi.org.

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