



NEW JERSEY HEALTH CARE QUALITY INSTITUTE

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



PRESIDENT & CEO, LINDA SCHWIMMER Specific Goals for 2023 Build on Critical Work

We just ended our 25th anniversary celebration and are energized for the next quarter of a century. We're moving forward with you, our members, and trusted partners to advance the priorities we all share. Today I'm outlining some specific goals for 2023 that build on our work to make health care safer and more accessible for everyone.

Quality

- In New Jersey, every acute care hospital now reports its quality measures to [The Leapfrog Group](#). We know that transparency through public reporting works and saves lives. But today more than 60 percent of surgeries in the United States take place in hospital outpatient centers or [Ambulatory Surgery Centers](#) (ASCs). Leapfrog launched its ASC Survey in 2019. We need the same level of commitment on transparency and safety from ASC owners as we have from hospitals. Our goal in 2023 is for at least 35 ASCs in our state to report to Leapfrog and highlight their commitment to quality. Today we have four. We are asking employers, payers, referring clinicians, and consumers to join us in pushing for transparency on safety measures in ASCs.
- The Quality Institute was instrumental in bringing [TeamBirth](#) to three New Jersey hospitals in 2022. TeamBirth is a proven communication and teamwork process and training program that changes the culture within the hospital. It puts the patient and their support team at the center of all communication and

decision-making about their birth process. TeamBirth was developed by [Ariadne Labs](#), and is being implemented to great success in various regions of the country. Our goal for 2023 is to obtain funding to put in place a statewide expansion plan to every interested hospital with a labor and delivery unit in New Jersey. After the TeamBirth process is implemented in a hospital, these practices become embedded in how the hospital operates and improves the labor and delivery process going forward, making the birthing process more holistic and inclusive. TeamBirth training is a one-time investment that carries on. If your organization is interested in being part of this work or funding its expansion, reach out to [Adelisa Perez-Hudgins, MSN, RN-BC, our Director of Quality](#)...

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MARK E. MANIGAN,

PRESIDENT AND CEO,
RWJBARNABAS HEALTH

TAKE FIVE INTERVIEW

Interviews with members, influencers, and noteworthy people

Mark E. Manigan, President and CEO of [RWJBarnabas Health](#). RWJBarnabas is a member of the Quality Institute's [Leadership Council](#).

Interview Sneak Peek: *Looking ahead five years, can you name one area where we can expect to see change in health care?*

A notable trend that we've experienced over the last five years resulted from pressure on the health care industry to reduce the cost of care, which has led to the migration of care from the acute care environment to ambulatory facilities; from ambulatory facilities to the physician practice office; and from the physician practice office to the home or technology-based environments. The impact this trend is having on the industry is significant. And I expect that trend will continue apace for the foreseeable future.

I think patients are becoming much more sophisticated shoppers in their ability to assess quality and cost; the ability to understand and navigate insurance benefit programs; and the various financial incentives to drive value in the provision of care. I think there is some good here. The flip side is that we're starting to see dislocation in the marketplace. For example, there's a lot of pressure right now on acute care businesses. Transitioning from our current system of care to the future system of care will result in additional dislocation and, as hospital operators, we must manage

this very carefully...

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QUALITY BRIEFING

Screening and Testing

NEW RESOURCE 



An estimated 41% of adults in the U.S. avoided medical care during the pandemic because of concerns about COVID-19. Find out more about patient barriers to testing access, how to avoid unnecessary testing, and valuable tools to consider using in your practice in our latest Quality Briefing on screening and testing.

For more information on preventive care join us for our free virtual event on the subject, *Navigating the Return to Preventive Care*, on Wednesday, January 18th.

[Screening and Testing Quality Briefing](#)



SAVE THE DATES

FOR OUR UPCOMING EVENTS

Navigating the Return to Preventive Care

Join us and [Consumers for Quality Care](#) on **Wednesday, January 18, 2023 at 11:00 am** as we navigate the return to preventive care. An estimated 41 percent of adults in the U.S. avoided medical care during the pandemic because of concerns about COVID-19. During this **webinar**, our **experts will share best practices and tools for clinicians** to use as they work with their patients to return to pre-pandemic levels of preventive care.

Moderated by:

- **The Honorable Donna M. Christensen, MD** - Board Member, [Consumers for Quality Care](#)

Panelists:

- **Mary F. Campagnolo, MD, MBA** - Medical Director for Value Based Programs and Payer Contracts, [Virtua Medical Group](#) and [Quality Institute board member](#)
- **Peter Fisher, MD** - Regional Medical Director, [Quest Diagnostics](#)
- **Valerie Harr** - Senior Director for Community Health and Network Strategy, [Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey](#)

Register Now for Our January Webinar



Help Us Celebrate the Quality Teams within Every New Jersey Hospital



Join us for a **virtual breakfast and learning session:**
February 1, 2023 from 7:30 am - 8:30 am.

- Hear about 2023 changes to the Leapfrog Hospital Survey from [Melissa Danforth, the Leapfrog Group](#).
- Learn from a **panel of New Jersey hospital leaders** on how to make Patient Safety & Quality an organization's top priority.
- Panel moderated by our [Director of Quality, Adelisa Perez-Hudgins, MSN, RN-BC](#).

This session is for:

- **Health care providers and leaders** working to improve safety within your organization;
- **Employers, unions, carriers, and purchasers** working to increase transparency on safety measures; and
- **Regulators and policymakers.**

Panelists:

- Mark Arcaro, MD, Vice President of Clinical Performance, Capital Health
- Reginald Blaber, MD, Executive Vice President & Chief Clinical Officer, Virtua Health
- Juan Toro, BSN, RN, CCS, Manager, Performance Improvement, Saint Clare's Health

Register for the Virtual Quality Breakfast

Maternity Action Plan (MAP) Education Sessions

For organizations and individuals interested in advancing the recommendations laid out in the [Maternity Action Plan \(MAP\)](#), sign up for one or more of our **virtual education sessions**.

Register for a session topic you are interested in by clicking a title below:

- Friday, January 27th: [Collect and Use Data to Improve Equity and Quality](#)
- Thursday, February 2nd: [Improve Community-Based Social Supports](#)
- Monday, February 13th: [Build the Workforce Needed to Achieve Birth Equity and Quality](#)
- Monday, February 27th: [Reform Payment Systems to Drive High Quality Holistic Maternal Infant Health Care](#)



Pre-readings will be distributed to participants. Each session will feature examples of where MAP recommendations and concepts are being successfully implemented and how we can collectively work together.

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