



NEW JERSEY HEALTH CARE QUALITY INSTITUTE

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



PRESIDENT & CEO, LINDA SCHWIMMER **Improving Health Care Is About Complexity - and Courage**

On a recent walk, I listened to my new favorite health policy podcast, [Tradeoffs](#), by journalist Dan Gorenstein. Through engaging interviews and deep dives, Gorenstein demystifies the complicated and costly world of health care. Think *The Big Short*, but for health care topics.

Episodes range from [States' Uphill Battle to Stop Runaway Health Care Costs](#), which digs into the Massachusetts Health Policy Commission, to [What to Expect When Medicare and Pharma Finally Negotiate Drug Prices](#).

The most recent segment, [Better Care at Lower Costs: The Quest for Health Care's Holy Grail](#), focuses on the Camden Coalition's early work; results of its randomized controlled trial; lessons learned; and the resulting changes made to their interventions.

Listening to that episode, I recalled the rumblings of excitement, confusion, and cynicism from people within established health industry circles about the Camden Coalition's model. Our existing disconnected systems of payment for physical health care, mental health care, and social services made the Camden Coalition model — and other holistic approaches — extremely challenging. In the podcast episode, when

discussing the results of the RCT and the Camden Coalition's future, its CEO, Kathleen Noonan, remarks "People like stories about success, and they like stories about failure. They love extremes...This is a story about complexity and about courage."

Kathleen's words connected with me...[Read more in full blog.](#)

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TAKE FIVE INTERVIEW

Interviews with members, influencers, and noteworthy people

Brian L. Ulery, FACHE, CEO of Saint Clare's Health, a member of the Quality Institute's [Provider Council](#).

Interview Sneak Peek: *Saint Clare's Health is pioneering new ways to treat mental health in the community, such as mental health urgent care sites. Can you explain how these urgent care centers work?*

We recently opened Mental Health Urgent Care in Warren County that offers a host of support services. These services offer counseling, crisis intervention, medication evaluation, peer support and more. We saw a need for community members to have access to emergency services without going to a hospital emergency department. It is important to offer choices when people need rapid access to mental health care...[Read more in full interview.](#)

[Read Full Interview](#)

MEMBER BREAKFASTS & ENGAGEMENT EVENTS

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Join the Quality Institute for our upcoming in-person **Engagement Events** in Central and Southern New Jersey.

Central Breakfast: Wednesday, September 27 from 8:00am - 9:30am at [Parker Health Group](#), 15 Dellwood Lane, Somerset NJ.

Southern Breakfast: Wednesday, October 18 from 8:00am - 9:30am at [Samaritan](#), 3906 Church Road Mount Laurel Township, NJ 08054.

Attend these events to:

- Network with other Quality Institute members and invited guests over breakfast.
- Meet local leaders and health care decision makers.
- Get updates on health policy, quality improvement, and community health from [Quality Institute staff](#).

These events are for members and invited guests only.

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Giant Leaps for Patient Safety

2023 LEAPFROG GROUP HOSPITAL & ASC SURVEY RESULTS RELEASED: [New Hospital Measures on Maternity Care, Nurse Workforce, & More](#)

We applaud the 5 NJ ASCs that submitted an ASC Survey (Florham Park Endoscopy Center, Hanover Endoscopy Center, Mt. Laurel Endoscopy Center, Northern NJ Eye Institute South Orange, and Summit Surgical Center) for their dedication and commitment to transparency and quality. But that number is too low. People living in the Garden State deserve more information about the safety of ASCs, particularly as more procedures are done outside of hospitals. Please join us in **encouraging ASCs to report on the [Leapfrog Group ASC Survey](#)**, which is only transparent source of this type of information.

Hospitals and ASCs can submit a survey or updates through November 30, 2023.

[View the 2023 Leapfrog Hospital and ASC Survey Results](#)

CHECK OUT THE RECENTLY RELEASED RWJF POLICY AGENDA

For a Healthier, More Equitable New Jersey

In case you missed it, in May, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) released [A Policy Agenda for a Healthier, More Equitable NJ](#) (A Policy Agenda). RWJF also convened many of its New Jersey grantees and partners for a multi-day workshop of networking, learning, and identifying how work in social justice, housing, child care, work force development, and maternal health are connected. To advance one, we must address the others.



We encourage you to review the policy agenda and attend some upcoming events where these issues will be further explored, including: The [Governor's Conference on Housing and Economic Development in September, 28](#) and the [Public Health Summit for NJ Health Justice in October, 27](#).

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