



Four Things You Can Do This Week

- Update your calendar with the 2012 IHI National Forum dates
- Read the article about the IHI Open School in the British Journal of Hospital Medicine
- Learn about getting involved in quality improvement projects
- Submit your story to the Costs of Care Essay Contest

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**Save the Date:
IHI's 24th Annual National Forum**



December may still be a few months away, but it's not too early to begin planning for the 24th Annual IHI National Forum. The Forum, which runs from December 9-12 in Orlando, FL, is the most powerful event of the year for health professions students, residents, and faculty who are passionate about improving care.

Featured speakers include Anna Deavere Smith from Showtime's *Nurse Jackie* and world-renowned cardiac surgeon Dr. Devi Shetty, as well as IHI's President and CEO Maureen Bisignano and IHI's former President and CEO Dr. Don Berwick.

Each year, the IHI Open School designs unique and specific programming for its students, and we'd love to see you there! [Click here to learn more](#) about student events and opportunities at the National Forum.

IHI Open School in the *British Journal of Hospital Medicine*



Several IHI Open School leaders in the United Kingdom, including UK Faculty Lead Andy Carson-Stevens and UK Regional Chapter Adviser Sue Lister, recently published an article about the IHI Open School in the *British Journal of Hospital Medicine*.

In the article, the authors introduce the IHI Open School as a leading force of change in the health care industry, using examples of IHI Open School Chapter achievements and growth to back up the claims.

"Medical students and junior doctors are leading change in health care to improve the experience of patients in hospitals across the UK," write the authors.

You can [access the full article](#) on our website.

Community Updates

Welcome, New Chapters!

United States
Texas A&M Health Sciences Center - McAllen, Texas

University of Illinois College of Medicine at Peoria, Illinois

International
Universidad del Valle de Mexico, Mexico

Secreteria de Salud de la Ciudad de Mexico, Mexico

PANAH Center, Pakistan

New! Join the Chapter Challenge

Do you want a \$250 reimbursement for your next Chapter event?

We're challenging all Chapters to get active on the new Community discussion boards with our Chapter Challenge. Use the new discussion boards to share ideas from your Chapter and discuss them with the Community. We want to see which Chapter can get the most activity (in other words, the most comments) on our discussion boards by IHI's 24th Annual National Forum on December 9.

[Start or contribute to a discussion now](#) and put your Chapter in the lead!

**Northeast Regional
QI Kick-off Event!**

University of Massachusetts Medical School
Amherst, MA
September 11

The UMMS IHI Open School Chapter is kicking off its fall semester with a visit from **John Halamka**, the CIO of both the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and Harvard Medical School. Students will join Dr. Halamka in a Quality Improvement exercise following his talk.

The event starts at **5:30PM** on the UMMS campus. [Contact Chapter Leader Reza Ghomi](#) for more information.

**Announcing Costs of Care
Essay Contest**

Costs of Care, a non-profit organization that helps doctors understand how the decisions they make impact what patients pay for care, is giving away **\$4,000 in prizes** for essays which best demonstrate the importance of cost awareness in medicine. Past essay topics include a time that caring for a patient generated an unexpectedly high medical bill, and a time a patient and care provider figured out a way to save money while still delivering high-value care.

Winning entries have been featured in *The New England Journal of Medicine* and the Institute of Medicine. [Learn more and submit your story.](#)