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The IHI Open School Turns Five!

This week, we're celebrating the fifth anniversary of the IHI Open School! What began as a small idea in September 2008 has grown into a network of more than 175,000 health professions students, residents, and professionals.

From students and young professionals to faculty and seasoned experts, the IHI Open School is here to help you on your health care journey. [Watch our new timeline video](#) and hear some of our community members — at different stages of their careers — talk about the importance of quality and safety in education. Thank you for all your support, enthusiasm, and commitment during the last five years. We're excited to see what's in store for the future!



Announcing Costs of Care's Essay Contest



Do you have a story about a time a medical bill was higher than you expected it to be? How about a time that you figured out a way to deliver or receive better care at a lower cost? Costs of Care is giving away \$4,000 in prizes for essays that best illustrate the importance of cost awareness in health care — and they want to hear from you. In

the past, winning entries have been featured in the *New England Journal of Medicine* and by the Institute of Medicine. [Learn more and submit your story](#) by December 1.

Costs of Care is a non-profit that deflates medical bills by helping patients and their caregivers make high-value health care decisions.

What We're Reading: 'Why Health Care Is Stuck — And How to Fix It'

According to Harvard Business School Professor Michael E. Porter and PressGaney's CMO, Thomas H. Lee, the myriad problems of today's health systems primarily come down to one metric and one solution: The measure is value, and the solution is to dramatically increase it.

In the first post of a new "Leading Health Care Innovation" blog series from *Harvard Business Review* and the *New England Journal of Medicine*, Porter and Lee introduce "The Strategy That Will Fix Health Care," their compelling article that outlines six clear, interdependent steps — the "value agenda," as they call it — for moving to a high-value health care delivery system. [Read the full blog post, download the article, and learn about the authors' upcoming Webinar here.](#)

Community Updates

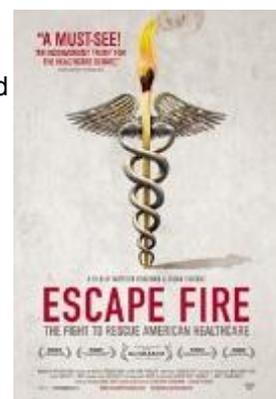
Attend IHI's Program on Graduate Medical Education

Accreditation, regulatory, and payment requirements for academic medical centers and their graduate medical education programs are changing rapidly to include much more intense focus on quality improvement and patient safety. To help academic medical centers respond to growing demands in these areas, IHI is offering a two-day program, [Graduate Medical Education: Focusing on Quality and Safety in a Clinical Learning Environment](#). This program will take place on November 18-19, 2013, in Cambridge, MA. Academic medical centers are strongly encouraged to send a leadership team that includes a designated institutional official, institutional quality leader, residency program director or key faculty member, and resident.

ESCAPE FIRE Available on iTunes for 99 Cents!

Thank you to all who made yesterday's *ESCAPE FIRE* screening, which took place at more than 90 colleges and universities across the country, such a huge success! [Click here](#) to view highlights of yesterday's screenings collected via social media.

ESCAPE FIRE has teamed up with iTunes to offer a special discount for this award-winning documentary. For a limited time only, from September 17-30, this award-winning documentary will be [available on iTunes for only 99 cents!](#) Be sure to take advantage of this low cost and simple way of viewing the film that's sparking discussion around the country and to share this opportunity with your colleagues by September 30.



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