

The IHI Open School is an online learning community where you can take free courses, earn a certificate, network with peers and experts, and gain confidence and skills in quality and safety to change health care.

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IHI, Midas+, and NAHQ Award First Dr. Heller Memorial Scholarship

Carolyn Stramecki, a project director for the Michigan Coalition Honoring Healthcare Choices, used the lessons she learned from [QI 104: Putting It All Together - How Quality Improvement Works in Real Health Settings](#) to work on a quality improvement project that earned her the Dr. Heller Memorial Scholarship. Stramecki's project focused on Michigan's "Physician Orders for Scope of Treatment (POST) Pilot Program" -- and earned her free travel and registration to IHI's 24th Annual National Forum.



Set up in collaboration with IHI, the scholarship is awarded to a NAHQ member or Midas+ client. Applicants had to complete a quality improvement project that reflected learning from the IHI Open School online courses. [Click here to read a blog post about Stramecki's project.](#)

IHI 90-Day R&D Project Final Summary Report: Improving Graduate Medical Education

A recent 90-day project examined the pressures felt by academic ambulatory care practices around the quality, safety, and systems transformation skills that are needed to prepare a new generation of practitioners for primary care practice in a rapidly changing landscape in the US.

The final summary report includes best practices, innovative solutions, and outcomes of residency redesign efforts based on an analysis of residency programs participating in two national initiatives. Read the final summary report to learn more: [Improving Graduate Medical Education: Innovations in Primary Care and Ambulatory Settings.](#)

IHI's 90-day projects, which represent our process for research and development, are designed to provide a reliable and efficient way to research innovative ideas, assess their potential for advancing quality improvement, and bring them to action.

Next WIHI: A Partnership to Reduce Deaths from Sepsis



Developing an infection can be complicated enough, but when the body's immune system reacts by going into overdrive in the form of sepsis, every second counts. For at least the past decade, efforts to reduce mortality have been underway globally. In the US, North Shore-LIJ Health System, a strategic partner of IHI, has reduced its sepsis mortality rate significantly. [Join the next WIHI](#) on **January 24th at 2 PM EST** to learn from their progress, and engage in an important discussion about a critical problem that everyone in acute care needs to be aware of and working on. Is your Chapter working on reducing sepsis? [Let us know](#) and join the call to contribute to the conversation.

Community Updates

Welcome, New Chapters



United States

Healthspan, **Ohio**

International

Al Sharq Hospital, **United Arab Emirates**

Do You Know Your Regional Chapter Leader?

Two years ago, we created Regional Chapter Leaders to help manage our growing network. What is a Regional Chapter Leader?

Regional Chapter Leaders help localize the IHI Open School, provide assistance to your Chapter based on their experiences, and assist with planning regional events. [Contact your Regional Leader](#) to stay connected to local events and opportunities.

Costs of Care Announces Winning Essays: Four Opportunities to Provide High Value Care

Costs of Care, a nonprofit that helps caregivers provide high-value care, has selected four winners of the third annual essay contest aimed at elucidating both the challenges and opportunities to save patients' money with routine, cost-conscious medical decisions. These stories will help illustrate challenges and opportunities to improve value in the U.S. health care system. [Selected stories from the contest](#) will be published biweekly on CostsOfCare.org or you can [read them here](#).



Go Viral to Improve Health: IOM-NAE Health Data Collegiate Challenge



How can the power of health data be unleashed to increase awareness of health problems and inspire positive action at the community level? For the past two years, the Institute of Medicine and the National Academy of Engineering have challenged college and university students to use health data to develop effective, innovative apps that take on the nation's pressing health issues. For the 2013 challenge, teams of students will have an opportunity to utilize the abundance of available health data to develop effective, innovative applications that take on the nation's pressing health issues. Visit www.iom.edu/goviral for eligibility and terms, judging criteria, data resources, and prize information. The deadline to register is February 27.