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Use the Model for Improvement to Make Your Resolution a Reality

Falling behind on your New Year's resolutions? Not to worry! We know how hard resolutions are to keep, so we invite you to take advantage of our online course, [QI 102: The Model for Improvement: Your Engine for Change](#), to help get you back on track. QI 102 will provide the steps you need to make your resolution a reality in 2013, including setting aims, choosing measures, running PDSA cycles, and creating run charts.

We've also added some [additional materials](#) to our website to help you rekindle your resolutions -- including worksheets from Maureen Bisognano's course at Harvard School of Public Health and a few sample projects. So now that you have The Model for Improvement at your fingertips, what are you waiting for?

Mark Your Calendar for IHI's 14th Annual Office Practice Summit

Join us at the [14th Annual International Summit on Improving Patient Care in the Office Practice and the Community](#) on April 7-9 in Scottsdale, Arizona. This event brings together revolutionary thinkers and innovative practitioners who strive to improve the quality of care in office practices and community-based settings. Attendees will explore new ways of creating a culture of continuous improvement and engaging patients and communities in redesigning care. IHI is pleased to offer a limited amount of funding for scholarships to students, faculty, and residents to attend this event.



Colleen's First QI Project: Off to a Good Start!



Colleen McCormick, a fourth-year medical student from Wright State University in Ohio, is using the IHI Open School Quality Improvement Practicum to conduct her first quality improvement project. She's ambitious, excited, and curious, and she's ready to share the ups and downs of her project with the IHI Open School community.

Every Wednesday, for the next two months, Colleen will write about her progress. [Click here to read Colleen's first blog post](#) about what it's like to be a student trying to make a change in

the health care system. Will the project succeed in improving care for patients? Will the barriers and obstacles be too much to overcome? There's only one way to find out ...

Community Updates

Reminder: Tell Us About Your Event and Apply for Funding by February 1

The IHI Open School team wants to hear about your upcoming events so we can help your Chapter. Each quarter in 2013, we'll set aside a small amount of funding to help you make your events successful. [Fill out this form](#) by February 1 to be considered for funding this quarter.

Upcoming Deadline to Apply for the Young Physicians Patient Safety Award

Submit an essay describing the most instructional patient safety event you've experienced by **February 4** to be one of six young physicians selected to receive \$5,000, and registration and travel expenses to the National Patient Safety Foundation Annual Congress in New Orleans. The Doctors Company Foundation, in partnership with the Lucian Leape Institute at the NPSF, will award The Doctors Company Foundation Young Physicians Patient Safety Award to young physicians for their deep personal insight into the significance of patient safety work. Find more information about eligibility and submit your essay [here](#).