

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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Secure a Scholarship for April Conferences

[14th Annual International Summit on Improving Patient Care in the Office Practice and the Community](#)

[April 7-9 in Scottsdale, Arizona](#)

Join us at the 14th Annual International Summit and 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.

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in HEALTHCARE
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[2013 International Forum on Quality and Safety in Healthcare](#)

[April 16-19 in London, England](#)

Spend four days of inspiration with 3,000 of your colleagues from all over the world at the International Forum, co-sponsored by IHI and the BMJ Publishing Group. The Forum will benefit both beginners and those experienced in quality improvement. The deadline to apply for a [student or teacher scholarships](#) is March 8.

Blog Roundup: QI Projects and Course Improvements



If you've ever completed an IHI Open School course, you know there's a survey at the end asking for your feedback. Why? [Read this letter](#) from our Managing Editor about our newest course improvements and our dedication to keeping our education engaging.

Last week, Colleen McCormick, a fourth-year medical student working on her first improvement project, was back at square one, brainstorming a new idea. This week, you can [read about her first stakeholder meeting](#) as her new project starts to gain momentum. Check back every Wednesday in February and March for a new blog post about Colleen's progress as a student trying to make a change in

the health care system.

Upcoming WIHI: Reducing Costs, Part Two

The "old" solutions of cutting back on staff and services to reduce health care costs are shortsighted at best. In the new world that pays for value over volume, the best solutions require delivering better care while getting rid of wasteful practices. [Join the next WIHI](#) on **February 21st at 2 PM EST**

for the second installment on cost reduction strategies that marry the best ideas from quality improvement with financial and business acumen. Engage in a discussion and learn how about how Northeast Health and Hackensack University Medical Center, along with 58 other organizations in IHI's Impacting Cost + Quality initiative, are on track to save \$43 million. Catch up on [Part 1 of the discussion here](#).



Community Updates

Welcome, New Chapters



International

Sheffield Teaching Hospitals, **England**

East Carolina University and Creighton University Inaugurate Chapters

Two new Chapters will host their kick-off events in the coming weeks.

There will be an [introductory meeting](#) at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska, on February 28 to recruit new members. IHI Open School Managing Editor Michael Briddon will give a presentation on the IHI Open School courses and mission.



For their [inaugural meeting](#) on March 7, East Carolina University in Greenville, North Carolina, will host a dinner featuring two of the IHI Open School's Regional Leaders: Dr. Ross Hilliard (Northeast) and Dr. Ashley Childers (Southeast).

Texas A&M Takes Its Chapter on the Road



February has been a busy month for the IHI Open School Chapter at the Texas A&M Health Science Center-School of Rural Public Health, as the organization held [two events](#) focused on making quality improvement more accessible to their members. First, they hosted three speakers from the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center who provided insight into the quality improvement efforts their organization was pursuing. Later in the month, the Chapter learned about

efficiency and quality in health care by visiting Dell Children's Medical Center of Central Texas, the Texas State Capitol, and the Texas Hospital Association in Austin.

Is your Chapter hosting an event or conducting a project in the near future? Tell us at openschool@ihi.org and you may be featured in our next newsletter! Also check out the [Chapter Toolkit](#) for tips, resources, and activities.