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IHI Open School Courses Spread to the Emerald Isle

The IHI Open School courses have been integrated into dozens of health professions schools and several forward-thinking health care organizations around the world. There's even an ongoing project to embed the courses into every health professional school in the state of South Dakota. Up next? Ireland!



[Read about](#) how Marie Kehoe-O'Sullivan, Director of Safety and Quality Improvement at the Health Information and Quality Authority (HIQA), is leading a charge to use the IHI Open School courses as a training program for all of the Emerald Isle. Additionally, as a result of Marie's efforts, 10 new Chapters have sprouted up in Ireland in the last month.

Practicum Spotlight: A Successful Project in Scotland

Sarah Macpherson, a medical student at the University of Dundee in Scotland, set out to improve the efficiency of her hospital's trauma theatre. Using the IHI Open School Practicum as her guide, she implemented several changes that significantly reduced the number of postponed and canceled procedures, and reduced the risk of hospital acquired infections. On top of all that, [her improvements](#) resulted in a cost savings of £600 each day for the National Health Service.

Sarah's project has been one of the most successful we've seen so far in the Practicum.

[Learn more about how you can get started on your own!](#)

Colleen's First QI Project: So What Can We Improve?

Last week, Colleen McCormick, a fourth-year medical student from Wright State University in Ohio, held her first stakeholder meeting to discuss goals and a plan of action for her quality improvement project. This week, you can [read about the first steps her team has taken](#) to increase utilization of the palliative care team for ICU patients.



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.

Community Updates

United States

Indian River State
College,
Florida



Welcome, New Chapters

International

University of West London, **England**
Beaumont Hospital, **Ireland**
Mercy University Hospital, **Ireland**
Naas General Hospital, **Ireland**
Portiuncula Hospital, **Ireland**
Sacred Heart Community Hospital, **Ireland**
St Brendan's Community Hospital, **Ireland**
St Luke's Home, **Ireland**
St Vincent's Hospital, **Ireland**
St. Patrick's Hospital, **Ireland**
Tara Winthrop Care of Older Person Facility, **Ireland**

SUNY Upstate Medical University Hosts a Leadership Lecture Series Using TED Talks

The IHI Open School Chapter at SUNY Upstate held the first of a series of leadership lectures featuring TED talks. The Chapter Leaders used a widespread grassroots campaign to recruit student from all health disciplines and creatively took advantage of the free online lectures to foster conversations on leadership principles. The Chapter plans to host two more leadership lecture events and screen the film *Escape Fire* this year. [Learn more](#) about the Chapter's lecture series, recruitment efforts and links to the videos on our blog.



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.