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JOIN IHI FOR ANNUAL GATHERING ON IMPROVING HEALTH AND HEALTH CARE

- WHO:** The [Institute for Healthcare Improvement](#), leading health care quality experts, and thousands of health professionals from the executive suite to frontline staff, as well as researchers, public health and community leaders, patients and patient advocates, and students sharing new approaches to improving the health and health care of patients and communities
- WHAT:** 2018 IHI National Forum on Quality Improvement in Health Care
- WHEN:** Sunday, December 9 – Wednesday, December 12, 2018
Click [here](#) for the event agenda
- WHERE:** Orlando World Center Marriott Resort & Convention Center
8701 World Center Drive, Orlando, Florida, USA
- WEBSITE:** To learn more, visit: www.IHI.org/Forum
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THIS YEAR'S FORUM: ENORMOUS CHANGES AND NEW AREAS OF FOCUS

As more people in the US and around the world gain access to health services, quality improvers continue to focus on developing new and better ways to deliver patient care and to coordinate these efforts with the health needs of communities. Quality improvement initiatives now extend across the continuum of care, from the hospital to the home, and feature new models that factor in behavioral health as well as physical health and the role that social determinants play throughout the life cycle. This is part of a broadening mission of achieving greater health equity and improving the health of populations consistent with a payment system that is shifting from rewarding volume to one focused on value.

Against this backdrop, the 2018 IHI National Forum on Quality Improvement in Health Care provides the country's best platform to hear about successes and challenges and to harness evidence-based solutions to some of the biggest challenges facing health and health care today.

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2018 IHI National Forum Highlights

Prominent keynote speakers:

- IHI President and CEO, **Derek Feeley**, and **Jason Leitch**, National Clinical Director, Healthcare Quality and Strategy, Scottish Government
- IHI President Emeritus, **Don Berwick, MD, MPP**, former Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
- IHI President Emerita and Senior Fellow, **Maureen Bisognano**, leading a panel discussion on Women in Action, featuring **Mona Hanna-Attisha, MD**, whose research exposed elevated lead blood levels in children in Flint, Michigan; **Vania Deonizio**, dancer and advocate for expressive arts therapy in health care; and **Celine Gounder, MD**, an HIV/infectious diseases specialist, epidemiologist, journalist, filmmaker, and storyteller
- **Gregory Boyle**, Founder and CEO, Homeboy Industries, the largest gang intervention, rehabilitation, and re-entry program in the world
- **Zubin “ZDoggMD” Damania, MD**, an internist, founder of Turntable Health, and a stand-up and video comic known for his satirical take on the US health care system

Conference organized into [10 tracks](#):

- Equity
- Improvement Science
- Joy in Work
- Leadership
- Maternal and Child Health
- Mental Health and Well-Being
- Moving from Volume to Value
- Person-Centered Care
- Population Health
- Safety

More than 150 unique sessions, including:

- Integrate Behavioral Health in the ED and Upstream
- How to Evaluate the Return on Investment from QI
- Age-Friendly Health Systems: Improving Care for Older Adults
- Improving Value: Putting a Strategic Focus on Overdiagnosis
- Co-Producing Health: A Global Perspective

Browse all sessions [here](#).

Hundreds of quality improvement storyboards: Review the leading quality and patient safety initiatives of 2018 from around the world to learn what works and how diverse organizations can implement actions to address the complexities and challenges waiting for them back home.

Press enjoy access to all keynotes and sessions, as well as storyboards and the exhibit hall. Interviews with session presenters can be arranged before, during, and after the Forum. WIFI is accessible throughout the conference venue, including a press room available to reporters to conduct interviews, write, and file stories.

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About the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI)

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