



# Physician Recognition Programs



# RECOGNIZING PHYSICIANS FOR EXCELLENCE IN CARE

Providing quality care to patients is your first priority and takes an unrelenting commitment to excellence. As the practice of medicine evolves, and more and more is known about effective disease management and treatment options, how can you assure yourself and your patients that the care you're providing is second to none?

NCQA has a suite of Physician Recognition Programs that allow you to assess your performance against nationally recognized, evidence based clinical standards of care. Your participation in these programs allows you to receive the public recognition you deserve for meeting and/or exceeding important quality of care measures.

Achieving NCQA Recognition gives you the distinction of being identified as a high quality physician and demonstrates that you are on the leading edge of quality care delivery.

## Dedicated to Promoting Quality Health Care

NCQA Physician Recognition Programs empower employers, health plans, patients and consumers to make more informed health care decisions based on quality. Participation in a Recognition Program demonstrates that you value quality care delivery and that you are using the latest clinical protocols to ensure your patients receive the best care every time they visit your office or practice.

## Set Yourself Apart

NCQA Recognition demonstrates to your patients you are giving them the best care possible. In turn, you earn increased respect from your peers and patients, and distinguish yourself as a leader in your community. That's why NCQA's Physician Recognition programs have been embraced by more than 10,000 of the nation's leading physicians and practices who have already earned this distinction.

## Benefit from:

**Distinction:** Be part of an elite group of physicians that are publicly recognized for skills in providing the highest-level care. You'll receive an NCQA Recognition certificate of achievement that you can proudly display in your office or waiting room— symbolizing the high quality of care your patients have come to expect from you.

**Recognition:** Recognition of your achievement helps distinguish you as a high-quality care physician. Health plans are using NCQA Recognition as a way to identify for their members the highest-quality physicians available in their networks. Your name will be posted in certain health plan directories and on directory Web sites identifying you with the program seal of recognition. Visit to see what Recognition looks like online: <http://recognition.ncqa.org>

**Rewards:** In addition to earning the respect and admiration of your peers and patients, you may also be eligible for monetary awards. Increasingly, employers and health plans are using NCQA Physician Recognition Programs to determine physicians' eligibility for pay-for-performance (P4P) rewards.

**Sponsored Programs:** You may qualify for a 20% discount for purchases of one or more applications or if you are participating in a program promoting Recognition, such as Bridges to Excellence (BTE). Contact NCQA's Customer Support at 888.275.7585 for more information. For specific information about the Bridges to Excellence coalitions, visit [www.bridgestoexcellence.org](http://www.bridgestoexcellence.org).

## NCQA

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