



NCQA's 4th Annual National Policy Conference will be held at the Renaissance Mayflower Hotel, Washington, DC, on December 4, 2009. This year's topic is *Harnessing the Promise of Health IT to Improve Care Coordination*. With the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act authorizing \$36 billion in outlays for health information technology—an unprecedented investment in the nation's health information infrastructure—this year's focus on health IT is especially timely. We will assess the impact of this historic \$36 billion federal investment in health IT and the need for meaningful measures of quality improvement.

We will look at the experiences of organizations attempting to integrate health IT into their care delivery systems, and get a sense of how updating information systems can affect the coordination and cost of care. Patient engagement and challenges to implementing the system will also be examined.

Panels Topics

Panel topics include: From the Frontlines: Putting HIT to Work, Providing a Helping Hand: The Role of Extension Centers, Baking It In: Improving Quality Measurement through HIT, and Vision for the Future: From PCMH to Accountable Care Organization.

Featured Speakers

David Eddy, MD, PhD
Founder of Archimedes

David Blumenthal, MD
Director, Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology

A. John Blair, MD
President, Taconic IPA

Karen DeSalvo, MD, MPH, MSc
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Corporate Manager for Quality Data Management, Partners HealthCare System

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Senior Vice President for Health Information Resources, National Quality Forum

Adele Gorges
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Andrea Pennington, MD
Chief Medical Officer, Logical Images

Ted Shortliffe, MD, PhD
President and CEO, American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA)

Michael Horberg, MD, MAS, FACP, AAHIVS
Director, HIV/AIDS, Kaiser Permanente; Clinical Lead HIV/AIDS, Care Management Institute; Chair, KPNC Central Research Committee

Parinda Khatri, PhD
Director of Integrated Care, Cherokee Health Systems (TN)

James Mold, MD, MPH
Professor and Director of Research, Dept. of Family and Preventive Medicine, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center

Charlene Underwood
Government and Industry Affairs, Siemens Medical Solutions and HIMSS Electronic Health Record Vendor Association

Karen Milgate
Director, Office of Policy, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

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