



GI Quality Improvement Consortium, Ltd.

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in gastroenterology.



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CMS Approves GIQuIC as a PQRS Qualified Clinical Data Registry

In May 2014, CMS approved the GIQuIC registry as a Qualified Clinical Data Registry (QCDR), which is a new reporting mechanism for the Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS). This reporting option allows providers to report on measures that are meaningful to their specialty practice and will foster improvement in the quality of care provided to patients while being in compliance.

Eligible professionals can now use GIQuIC, a quality benchmarking registry for gastroenterology, as a QCDR to satisfactorily participate in PQRS to earn the 2014 incentive payment (0.5%) or avoid the 2016 payment adjustment (2.0%).

GIQuIC has developed an informational [webinar](#) about GIQuIC, PQRS and the QCDR reporting option. The webinar features GIQuIC Board President, Irving M. Pike, MD, FACP, FASGE.

Other important milestone news for GIQuIC is the number of colonoscopies documented in the registry. GIQuIC now includes more than 650,000 cases in its registry.

About GIQuIC

The GI Quality Improvement Consortium, Ltd. ("GIQuIC") is an educational and scientific 501(c)(3) organization established by gastroenterologists, physicians specializing in digestive disorders. GIQuIC is a joint initiative of the American College of Gastroenterology (ACG) and the American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ASGE). Gastroenterologists treat patients for disorders and conditions of the digestive tract. GIQuIC has developed and utilizes various measurements of the endoscopic techniques of practicing gastroenterologists, a process referred to as benchmarking. This national benchmarking project began by measuring common endoscopic procedures employed by gastroenterologists. Endoscopy is a minimally invasive medical procedure that is used to assess the digestive system organs by inserting a tube orally into a patient's stomach or rectally into the patient's colon. The physician founders of the GIQuIC believe that the scientific measurement of the quality of endoscopic procedures will improve the quality of the medical care being given to patients throughout the United States and abroad, and ultimately will improve the quality of public health. For more information about the GIQuIC registry, visit www.giquic.org

About the American College of Gastroenterology

Founded in 1932, the American College of Gastroenterology (ACG) is an organization with an international membership of more than 12,000 individuals from 80 countries. The College's vision is to be the pre-eminent professional organization that champions the evolving needs of clinicians in the delivery of high quality, evidence-based, and compassionate health care to gastroenterology patients. The mission of the College is to advance world-class care for patients with gastrointestinal disorders through

excellence, innovation and advocacy in the areas of scientific investigation, education, prevention and treatment. www.gi.org

About the American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy

Since its founding in 1941, the American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ASGE) has been dedicated to advancing patient care and digestive health by promoting excellence and innovation in gastrointestinal endoscopy. ASGE, with more than 12,000 members worldwide, promotes the highest standards for endoscopic training and practice, fosters endoscopic research, recognizes distinguished contributions to endoscopy, and is the foremost resource for endoscopic education. Visit www.asge.org and www.screen4coloncancer.org for more information and to find a qualified doctor in your area.

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