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# POSSE PROGRAM UPDATES

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# PANC HOSPITAL RECRUITMENT

- PANC hospitals asked to submit signed agreement by November 16, 2018
- As of 1/15/19, received agreements from 10 out of 14 PANC hospitals

Send signed agreements to  
[ksalazar@hcfonline.org](mailto:ksalazar@hcfonline.org)



## Pennsylvania Opioid Surgical Stewardship Enterprise (POSSE) Hospital Participation Agreement

The Pennsylvania Opioid Surgical Stewardship Enterprise (POSSE) is a grant-funded quality improvement program focused on preventing chronic opioid use among surgical patients. The Health Care Improvement Foundation (HCIF) is recruiting hospitals/health systems from Pennsylvania to participate in this two-year collaborative. The program will incorporate both a patient-centered and a provider-centered domain. Program goals, collaborative activities, and participant expectations are listed below.

### Overall Program Goals:

- Within the patient-centered domain, the program will promote health literacy in patient-provider communication and health education related to perioperative opioid use and acute pain management.
- Within the provider-centered domain, the program will aim to identify and implement strategies to minimize perioperative opioid use and reduce the risk of chronic dependence through the adoption of specific interventions.

### Collaborative Activities and Opportunities:

- Quarterly in-person Pennsylvania NSQIP Consortium (PANC) meetings.
- Quarterly educational webinars disseminating best practices regarding opioid reduction in surgical settings.
- Shared collaborative workspace compiling a repository of resources and materials.
- Qualitative survey assessing organizational opioid surgical stewardship programs, including protocols, practices, training, and educational materials.

### Participant Expectations:

- Establish a multi-disciplinary team to fulfill program activities. Potential members may include surgeons, NSQIP Surgeon Champions, anesthesiologists, pain specialists, surgical nurse leaders, NSQIP surgical clinical reviewers, surgical staff, educators, pharmacists, therapists, and quality/safety teams.
- Participate in evaluation activities, including facility-level and provider-level surveys regarding opioids in surgical settings.
- If participating in the ACS NSQIP program, collect and enter opioid-related data into NSQIP registry on clinical measures that are established by the collaborative. Use results to drive improvement in your organization, and discuss your findings at PANC meetings.
- Identify and implement improvement strategies. Example interventions include appropriate screening and counseling for opioid use, reduction and standardization of opioid prescribing, increase of opioid-sparing alternatives, and facilitation of safe opioid disposal practices.
- Participate in collaborative meetings, webinars, and events.

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# NON-PANC HOSPITAL RECRUITMENT

- Invitation letter and partner agreement drafted for non-PANC hospitals
- Letter and agreement will be sent out to PA hospital contacts this month
- Non-PANC hospitals will participate in POSSE portions of PANC meetings
- Send contact information of surgical colleagues at prospective non-PANC hospitals to [ksalazar@hcfonline.org](mailto:ksalazar@hcfonline.org)



January X, 2019

Dear Surgical Colleagues,

On behalf of the Pennsylvania NSQIP Consortium (PANC) and the Health Care Improvement Foundation (HCIF), we would like to invite your hospital to join a state-wide surgical quality improvement initiative entitled, Pennsylvania Opioid Surgical Stewardship Enterprise (POSSE). POSSE is a two-year program funded by AmerisourceBergen Foundation aimed at preventing chronic opioid use among surgical patients. Program partners, PANC and HCIF are inviting surgical teams from Pennsylvania hospitals to participate in this collaborative effort, at no charge. Participating hospitals will benefit by sharing strategies, best practices and resources related to surgical pain management and opioid stewardship. Modeled after other successful stewardship programs, such as the Michigan Opioid Prescribing Engagement Network (OPEN) and the Illinois Surgical Quality Improvement Collaborative (ISQIC), POSSE members will work together to:

- 1) Develop and implement procedure-specific postoperative **prescribing guidelines** in an effort to decrease opioid prescribing;
- 2) Improve pre-operative **screening and referrals** of patients at risk for opioid dependence to the appropriate services;
- 3) Increase the use of non-opioid and opioid-sparing **alternatives** to effectively manage post-operative pain;
- 4) Improve the safe **disposal** of opioids in surgical settings;
- 5) Provide patients and providers with easy-to-understand **education** related to pain management and opioid use;
- 6) Promote **health literacy** in patient-provider communication related to pain management and opioid use.

Pennsylvania hospitals that are interested in enrolling are asked to review and sign the attached agreement that outlines participation expectations. Upon receipt of your signed agreement, your organization's contacts will receive confirmation of enrollment and begin to receive communication about collaborative activities. We will hold an informational kick-off webinar for enrolled and potential participants. If interested in joining the webinar, please register by clicking on this link ([add link](#)) by **MONTH/DAY, 2019**.

For questions about the program, please contact Kelsey Salazar, Project Manager, HCIF at [ksalazar@hcfonline.org](mailto:ksalazar@hcfonline.org) or 215-575-3754. We hope you'll consider joining and work with in this important initiative.



# BASELINE SURVEY

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## **DATA COLLECTION APPROACH:**

- A baseline organizational assessment for opioid-related work
- Staggered fielding approach
- Further opportunities for data collection will follow



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## DEVELOPMENT:

- **Input** received from PANC members and environmental scan
- **Developed** in coordination with HCIF and the POSSE Steering Committee
- **Piloted** by Temple University Hospital and Jefferson Health surgeons, surgical clinical reviewers, and performance improvement professionals



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## **SURVEY CONTENT:**

- provider and patient education and engagement
- screening and referral practices
- opioid-avoidance efforts in prescribing
- disposal
- measurement



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## FIELDING:

### The request:

- Surgeon Champions and Surgical Clinical Reviewers complete independently
- Total completion time is under 15 minutes

### Timeline:

- Survey link sent to PANC members on Tuesday, January 15
- Please complete by Friday, February 1



# PATIENT-CENTERED DOMAIN

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## PROGRAM GOALS:

- Promote health literacy in patient-provider communication related to opioid use and pain management
- Increase the number of health literate patient educational materials
- Improve provider perceptions of patients with opioid use disorder and the surgeon's role in prevention and treatment of OUD





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## **NEXT STEPS:**

- Recruit and train Patient and Family Advisory Council (PFAC) members
- Collect educational materials from participating hospitals
- Convene PFAC to review materials and provide tailored recommendations
- Build a shared library of educational materials for POSSE member hospitals



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## UPCOMING REQUESTS:

- Call for Patient and Family Advisory Council (PFAC) information and point of contact, if applicable
- Call for patient educational materials for review and/or revision





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