



THE HEALTH CARE IMPROVEMENT FOUNDATION
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ABOUT HCIF

Mission: HCIF is an independent, nonprofit organization that drives high-value health care through stakeholder collaboration and targeted quality improvement initiatives.

Vision: A responsive, coordinated health care community that fulfills the needs of patients and consumers, and achieves better health.



LEADERSHIP

Founded in 1980 as 501(c)3 affiliate of the Delaware Valley Healthcare Council, HCIF is now an independent organization and engages all healthcare stakeholders.

Board of Directors includes 20 leaders from health systems, health plans, business, academia, public health, consumers, and practicing physicians.



STAFFING

10 professionals with backgrounds in quality improvement, clinical practice, hospital management, public health, performance measurement, and consulting.

Toolbox includes project management, group facilitation, strategy development, training and coaching, measurement and analytics, and program evaluation.



ORGANIZATIONAL PILLARS



Clinical Quality & Patient Safety

Fostering collaborations among health care providers to improve quality and safety.



Population & Community Health

Strengthening connections between health care and communities to promote health, well-being, and equity.



ROLE AS CONVENER

- HCIF is a neutral, expert resource trusted by hospitals, health plans and community organizations.
- HCIF has the necessary leadership stature to engage diverse stakeholders.
- Participants have described HCIF as skilled at building relationships, recognizing partner strengths, and leveraging the contributions of collaborative members.



ONGOING PROGRAMS: PURC

PURC
Pennsylvania Urologic Regional Collaborative

The Real FACTS

- #1 There are 200,000 new prostate cancer diagnoses each year in the U.S.
- #2 1 in 7 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in his lifetime.
- #3 1 in every 39 men will die of prostate cancer.
- #4 The annual U.S. cost for diagnosis and treatment of prostate cancer is \$7 billion.

What is PURC?

PURC is a physician-led quality improvement collaborative aimed at advancing the quality of diagnosis and care for men with prostate cancer throughout Pennsylvania and nearby regions.

What are the Benefits?

- Leadership & Engagement**: Physician engagement and leadership promotes unified regional efforts in quality improvement in PURC and is key to a successful collaborative.
- Data Registry**: Participants submit data to a statewide, cloud-based clinical registry developed by Arbormetrix, a leading provider of real-time healthcare analytics.
- Coordinating Center Capabilities (HCIF)**: The coordinating center is responsible for planning and conducting all collaborative activities and providing consultative feedback to participating practices.
- MUSIC**: The Michigan Urological Surgery Improvement Collaborative (MUSIC) is a physician-led consortium of urology practices whose mission is to improve the quality and cost-efficiency of prostate cancer care. PURC leverages from MUSIC's data registry, resources, and its clinical leaders. PURC and MUSIC partner in collaborative activities and methods for sharing outcomes and best practices.

PURC | Pennsylvania Urology Regional Collaborative

- An initiative bringing 120 practicing urologists together in a physician-led, data-sharing quality improvement collaborative.
- Aimed at advancing the quality of diagnosis and care for men with prostate cancer.



ONGOING PROGRAMS: HEALTH LITERACY



Pennsylvania
HEALTH LITERACY COALITION
UNITE. EMPOWER. IMPACT.

Health literacy is the ability to find, understand, and use the information needed to make good health decisions.

WHY HEALTH LITERACY MATTERS

Health literacy is a **stronger predictor** of health status than age, income, education level, or racial/ethnic group.

Low health literacy is associated with poorer disease-related self-management and worse health outcomes.

It's **also connected to** longer hospital stays, more hospitalizations, and higher healthcare costs.

WHAT THE COALITION DOES



UNITE healthcare professionals, patients, and community groups in strong partnerships.

NETWORKING & SHARING OF BEST PRACTICES



EMPOWER patients to get the information they want and need from their healthcare team.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & EDUCATION



IMPACT healthcare professional and system capacity to meet health literacy needs.

TRAINING & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

- An initiative developing regional and statewide collaborative health literacy activities.
- Aimed at enhancing the healthcare professionals' capacity to address health literacy needs and empowering patients to communicate with their healthcare providers.



HCIF'S ROLE IN POSSE

- **Coordinate** POSSE portions of PANC meetings.
- **Recruit** non-PANC hospitals for participation.
- **Develop** educational opportunities and provide resources for participating teams.
- **Convene** the program's Steering Committee.
- **Lead** the patient-centered domain, including creation of the Patient and Family Advisory Council.