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Announcements

Online Course

The Performance Improvement QIOSC announced a new online course titled “Disparities in Healthcare” on the QualityNet eLearning Center. This is a self-paced course that can be found by linking to <http://elearning.QualityNet.org>. If you have any questions, please contact the Performance Improvement QIOSC at piqwaqio@sdps.org.”

MedQIC

Please check <http://www.medqic.org> regularly as the UQIOSC continues to upload relevant tools, literature and links on a weekly basis.

Postings include:

News: Rep. Cummings Urges Black Community To Address Diabetes Risk by Making Lifestyle Changes

<http://www.medqic.org/dcs/ContentServer?cid=1196690071387&pagename=Medqic/MQNews/NewsFeatureTemplate&c=MQNews>

News: Lower Reporting of Family Cancer History Could Affect Cancer Screening, Prevention Among U.S. Immigrants, Report Says

<http://www.medqic.org/dcs/ContentServer?cid=1196690071539&pagename=Medqic/MQNews/NewsFeatureTemplate&c=MQNews>

News: Indian Health Service Agrees To Pay \$48M for Health Care Services Provided By Tribal Group

<http://www.medqic.org/dcs/ContentServer?cid=1196690071621&pagename=Medqic/MQNews/NewsFeatureTemplate&c=MQNews>

News: States Taking Different Approach to Finding Root Causes of Racial/Ethnic Health Disparities

<http://www.medqic.org/dcs/ContentServer?cid=1196690071700&pagename=Medqic/MQNews/NewsFeatureTemplate&c=MQNews>

News: Editorial Encourages Minority Women To Sign Up for Sister Study Looking at Breast Cancer

<http://www.medqic.org/dcs/ContentServer?cid=1196690074012&pagename=Medqic/MQNews/NewsFeatureTemplate&c=MQNews>

Literature: The assessment and documentation of language and communication needs in healthcare systems: current practices and future directions for coordinating safe, patient-centered care.

<http://www.medqic.org/dcs/ContentServer?cid=1196690074357&pagename=Medqic/MQLiterature/LiteratureTemplate&c=MQLiterature>

Underserved CoP

Mark your calendar for the upcoming Underserved CoP Call on Wednesday, February 20, 2008, at 1:00 p.m. CT. The topic will be "Using Disease Case Management to Enhance Diabetes Education." Marcia Davis, R.N., M.S.N., F.N.P., Program Manager for XLHealth's East Memphis Assessment Center will share information on a new innovative pilot project XL Health is working on to provide Diabetes Education to Medicare Beneficiaries. The call information is 1.800.369.1540, with a pass code of 95562#.

National Call

The UQIOSC is pleased to announce there will be a National Conference Call with two speakers, Amelia de los Reyes, RN, MSN, and Jacqueline Thomas, MSN, CRNP, CDE. Both speakers are currently in active practice and will share with you their current work in cultural competency and diabetes. (Thanks to the AL QIO for recommending these speakers!)

The title for this call is: Transitioning from Cultural Competency to Diabetes Self-Management.

Mark your calendar for the upcoming National Call on Wednesday, March 5, 2008, at 12:00 noon CT.

The call information is 1.800.369.1540, with a pass code of 51000#.

Calendar of Events and Conferences

Institute for Healthcare Improvement
Redesigning the Clinical Office Practice
March 30-April 1, 2008

Dallas, TX

<http://www.ihl.org/IHI/Programs/ConferencesAndSeminars/9thAnnualOfficePracticeSummitMarch2008.htm>

National Minority Quality Forum

Leadership Summit

April 14-15, 2008

Washington, DC

<http://www.nmqf.org/summitdate.aspx>

Legislative Updates

H.R.6275

An amendment to the Public Health Services Act (42 U.S.C. 201 et seq.) was introduced to the House of Representatives who's main goal is "to improve access to federally conducted and federally assisted programs and activities for individuals who are limited in their English proficiency."

For more information please link to:

<http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/F?c109:1:./temp/~c1097JX7LI:e6090>:

Articles/Resources

Weblink: Cultural Competency and Quality of Care: Obtaining the Patient's Perspective

http://www.commonwealthfund.org/publications/publications_show.htm?doc_id=414116

Weblink: Grants Awarded To Study Cancer Care Access Among Asians, Improve Diabetes Care Among Minorities; Fashion Show Aims To Raise Cardiac Health Awareness

http://www.kaisernetwork.org/daily_reports/rep_index.cfm?DR_ID=50172

Weblink: Can We Contain Health Care Costs Without Compromising Quality? Alliance for Health Reform and Commonwealth Fund

<http://www.kaisernetwork.org/healthcast/alliance/28jan08>

Weblink: The Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved, Black History Month publication, Interview with Patricia Documét

<http://www.kaisernetwork.org/closerlook/05feb08>

Toolkit: Health Research and Education Trust Toolkit

http://www.hret.org/hret_app/index.jsp

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The UQIOSC team is committed to assisting you in Task 1d2; please let us know what you need. We appreciate your comments and feedback.

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