



Advancing High Performance Health

# Quality Initiatives and Offerings

## Why Participate?

AMGA's quality initiatives and offerings are unique because we translate what works best in improving health and health care into everyday practice, enabling medical groups and health systems to deliver the best care possible. Participants are able to:



**Be on the cutting edge of quality improvement**



**Promote the value of coordinated care delivery**



**Achieve the results needed to succeed in value- and risk-based contracts**



**Collaborate with and learn from others on the same quality improvement journey**



**Leverage proven, practical tools and resources from peers**



**Measure performance with quantitative data and benchmark against peers**

AMGA members can take advantage of three signature quality initiatives that have already improved health for millions of Americans: the Acclaim Award, Best Practices Learning Collaboratives, and National Campaigns. Additionally, quality leaders can leverage our Quality Leadership Council—a private community for building relationships and sharing strategies to improve patient care.

Participation in these initiatives and offerings is complimentary to AMGA members. Additional fees may apply to in-person meetings.

## **Best Practices Learning Collaboratives:** *Uniting to Focus on Vital Care Topics*

Our Best Practices Learning Collaboratives unite participants to develop solutions to quality improvement challenges—from managing chronic conditions to optimizing organizational performance. These communities of knowledge accelerate systematic change and catalyze lasting breakthroughs in patient care and service. We work with expert advisors to guide the development and educational curriculum for the collaborative and create a platform for participants to easily share tools and resources that will aide them in improving the care of their patients. We host in-person and online meetings, facilitate outreach by sharing the findings and lessons learned via telephonic and onsite support, and collect data on measureable standardized outcomes for participants to track their improvement and compare against their peers in the collaborative.

To date, more than 100 medical groups have participated in our collaboratives and symposia. In addition, we publish best practices compendiums showcasing the success stories of our

collaborative participants. Their innovative and replicable programs provide all of our members, as well as the greater healthcare community, with a quality improvement rubric that they can replicate in their own organizations.

### **National Campaigns:** *Tackling Hypertension and Type 2 Diabetes with Groups Nationwide*

In 2012, we launched our first National Campaign aimed at improving care and patient outcomes for a pressing chronic condition—hypertension. Over the course of three years, Measure Up/Pressure Down® galvanized AMGA members across the country and improved hypertension detection and control for over half a million people. Together 2 Goal®—the second National Campaign, launched in 2016—aims to double our efforts and to improve care for 1 million people with Type 2 diabetes by 2019.

Informed by our Best Practices Learning Collaboratives, these multi-year campaigns enable participating groups to work together on a national scale to create lasting impact. In collaboration with our members and partners, we have compiled tools, resources, and webinars to help campaign participants advance care delivery and improve patient outcomes. We also collect data from all participating groups and produce blinded comparative reports, allowing participants to track their progress and benchmark against peers. We periodically offer special in-person campaign events, such as our 2016 Together 2 Goal® launch featuring champion boxer Sugar Ray Leonard and our 2017 Diabetes Symposium held in collaboration with the American Diabetes Association.

### **Acclaim Award:** *Recognizing Excellence in Care*

The Acclaim Award, supported by AMGA Foundation, honors medical groups and other organized systems of care that are bringing the American healthcare system closer to the ideal delivery model—one that is safe, effective, patient-centered, timely, efficient, and equitable. Since 1999, Acclaim Award recipients and honorees have exemplified organizational excellence by meeting the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (formerly The Institute of Medicine) Aims for Improvement and are taking the necessary steps to become a High-Performing Health System™ as defined by AMGA. By honoring and sharing their initiatives, we help to spread their best practices to other healthcare organizations.

### **Quality Leadership Council:** *Tapping into the Community's Experience*

The Quality Leadership Council is a private community for quality leaders to focus on improving patient care and advancing professional development goals. Members of the Council share strategies for overcoming roadblocks that are unique to the quality role; they also network and build stronger professional connections. Council members meet face-to-face twice annually and use their private listserv, community page, webinars, and resource library to stay in touch throughout the year. Some popular topics of discussion include: population health and chronic care management; physician coaching and other means of improving patient satisfaction; and interdisciplinary team care. As a member-run community, Council members must be willing to actively work together on activities that can accelerate collective learning, reduce the costs of innovation and discovery, and facilitate the transfer of new knowledge to the larger community of AMGA members.

*To learn more about these initiatives and offerings, email [quality@amga.org](mailto:quality@amga.org).*