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Performance Registry Clients:

Is your contract up for renewal?
Act Now—Don't lose your attestation!

Many Registry contracts are up for renewal. If your organization originally registered in 2015 or 2016, then you are up for renewal and should receive a notice with next steps. Once you receive the notice, please complete and return the new contract at your earliest convenience.

If you have not received this notice or if you have any questions, please email DIRegistry@DARTNet.info.

Accounts not renewed within 90 days of expiration will be cancelled automatically and you will lose your attestation.

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MOC IV Certificates

Available to DARTNet contributing sites

The DARTNet Institute has been approved as an American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) Maintenance of Certification (MOC) Portfolio Sponsor and will begin providing MOC credits to physicians in the area of Quality Improvement in Practice in 2018. Integrated Behavioral Health in Primary Care, the first Quality Improvement activity offered, was developed out of DARTNet's research partnership with the University of Vermont. The goal of this QI effort is to improve recognition of behavioral/mental health concerns among primary care patients through appropriate screening and diagnosis. Physicians enrolled in the IBHPC study will be provided with online educational courses and QI toolkit materials (including 3 workbooks, tactical selection guide, and patient partner guide) and can apply to DARTNet for MOC IV credit upon completing their projects. If other clinicians or organizations would like to consider this QI activity, please contact Dr. Scott (email below).

DARTNet aims to expand its MOC portfolio with additional QI efforts during 2018 and invites all partner sites to suggest QI projects that would be most useful to them. **The process is designed to allow you to select the QI activities of most interest to you or your clinical organization and then have DARTNet apply for credit for your organization.**
To start the conversation, including costs of attestation, please contact Portfolio Manager, Lucy Scott at lucy.scott@dartnet.info.

Save the Date: Patient Engagement Conference in Kansas City (p.3)

Participate in Research: Pharmacogenomics and Clinical Decision Support (p.4)

The DARTNet Institute is a rapidly growing collaboration of practice-based research networks that are building a national collection of data from electronic health records, claims, and patient-reported outcomes. The networks blend quality improvement, effectiveness, and translational research with a data-driven learning system.

REGISTRIES

MIPS Reporting Deadlines Approaching Fast

The deadline to submit 2017 MIPS Data is fast approaching. CMS is advising that you submit your data as early as is possible. There are 2 deadlines for reporting data:

March 16 at 8 pm Eastern time for group reporting via the CMS web interface

March 31 for all other MIPS reporting, including via qpp.cms.gov

****If you are in an ACO or other APM**, make sure you are working with your ACO or APM to ensure they have the necessary patient information needed to report. **Remember, you need to report on Advancing Care Information measures on your own.**

If you need help with your MIPS data submission or have questions about your participation status, please contact the Quality Payment Program Service Center:

Email: qpp@cms.hhs.gov
Phone: 1-866-288-8292 (TTY: 1-877-715-6222)

CMS Final Rule for MACRA/MIPS 2018: What it means for DI Registry Clients

The Advancing Care Information Category allows MIPS eligible clinicians to fulfill Public Health Reporting by either a) submitting to an Immunization Registry for 10 points or b) submitting data to a Public Health agency and Clinical Data Registry at 5 points per submission (can earn up to 10 points this way). That means in 2018 you can earn base points by reporting to DARTNet.

You can also receive an additional 5 point bonus for reporting to an additional registry not reported under the performance base score. **If you are registered for both the DARTNet Performance and Safety Registries you could be eligible for additional bonus points.**

Important Reminders For Registry Clients

Practice Staff Changes?

If at any time there is a change to Super Users or provider counts, please contact us so that we can make changes to our records.

Getting Audited?

If you require documentation in the event of an audit, please contact DIRegistry@DARTNet.info

PPR By the Numbers

As of 1/31/2018, the DARTNet Registry dataset represented the following:

- Organizations: **1,403**
- Care Sites: **30,137**
- Providers: **134,584**
- Patients: **17,076,218**

Practice Performance Registry – Metric Timeline

The New Metric timeline has been progressing on schedule. In Q4 2017 there were seven new specialties added into the Performance Registry content. DARTNet is currently on track for Q1 and Q2 2018 goals following the schedule below.

The first set of metrics per specialty will include 2-4 Quality metrics. Once each represented specialty has a base 2-4 metrics, DARTNet will add additional metrics. If you have feedback on metrics you are most interested in seeing for your specialty, please contact DIRegistry@dartnet.info at your earliest convenience.

If your specialty is not represented in the timeline, please email DIRegistry.

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NOTE: Metrics will be available by the end of the listed Quarter.

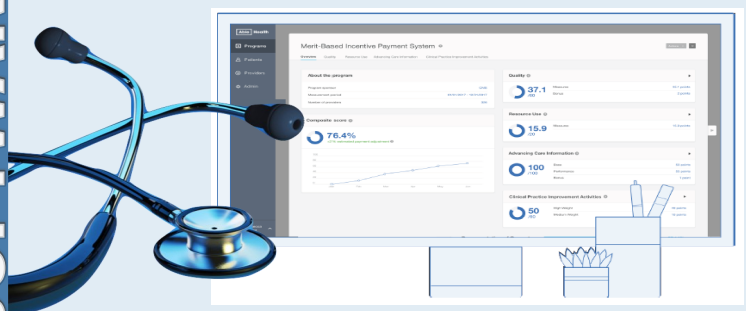
Currently Available	Q4 2017	Q1 2018	Q2 2018
• Preventive Services • Primary Care • Blood Pressure Control • Nephrology • Endocrinology • Cardiology	• Infectious Disease • OBGYN • Pediatrics • Pulmonology • Podiatry • Rheumatology • Thoracic / Vascular Surgery	• General Surgery • Gastroenterology • Orthopedics • Otolaryngology • Urology	• Dermatology • Hematology / Oncology • Neurology • Ophthalmology • Physical Medicine / Rehab • Psychology / Psychiatry

SOFTWARE PARTNERS

Able Health

Two birds, One stone. Use the data that you are already submitting to the DARTNet Performance or Safety Registries for your MIPS Reporting needs in 2018 and beyond.

The Able Health MIPS Solution will allow you to succeed in MIPS with less administrative cost to your organization, leaving you with more time to care for your patient population.



Able Health's Key Benefits / Offerings:

1) ***Performance Tracking****—track patient-specific scores across any of 243 Quality measures.*
2) ***Performance Improvement****—quickly identify clinicians and patients who are not meeting guidelines*
3) ***MIPS Education****—reduce your training costs and your time spent researching MIPS requirements.*
4) ***Direct Reporting to CMS****—Able Health is able to submit data to CMS across three performance categories: Quality, Advancing Care Information, and Improvement Activities.*

For more information contact Rachel.Kent@dartnet.info or visit the Able Health website.

DARTNET IN RESEARCH

Clinical Pharmacy Priority (CP2)

Current Status: Study Underway

Participation: Study Closed to new participants

The Clinical Pharmacy Priority (CP2) tool was developed to help identify patients who are most likely to benefit from comprehensive medication review (CMR) by a clinical pharmacist. The UCD School of Pharmacy is refining and validating the CP2 tool to increase its benefit and broaden application by other clinical pharmacists practicing in family medicine clinics. The idea is that this refined tool, which uses data from the electronic health record (EHR) to calculate a patient-level CP2 score, will be able to more broadly identify family medicine patients who are most likely to benefit from CMR, including differentiating this benefit among patients with more complex healthcare needs.

DARTNet will collect and standardize EHR data, which will be used to evaluate the tool against meaningful healthcare outcomes. The overall goal is to determine if there is an association between the CP2 score and medication non-adherence, and if the CP2 score can predict general medication non-adherence and non-adherence to medications for chronic conditions such as hypertension and diabetes.

AAFP

SAVE THE DATE

Friday, June 29, 2018

Marriott Country Club Plaza
Kansas City, MO

The American Academy of Family Physicians invites patients, physicians, and researchers to attend:

Family Medicine and Patient Engagement - A Conference to Encourage Patient-Centered Outcomes Research

This conference will use novel and interactive approaches to encourage participants to share perspectives, innovate and institute authentic patient engagement approaches, and make patient engagement routine for healthcare and health services research

Check the AAFP website for updated information on registration, speakers, and breakout topics.

What's New in

RESEARCH

DARTNet Institute is engaged in cutting-edge research on topics important to primary care clinicians, policy-makers, and patients.

PharmacoGenomics and Clinical Decision Support Systems for Advancing Patient Care in Depression

Funder: Tabula Rasa Healthcare

Current Status: Study Underway

Participation: Currently Recruiting—**still need 2 more practices**

The DARTNet Institute has partnered with the American College of Clinical Pharmacy Practice-Based Research Network (ACCP PBRN), Tabula Rasa Healthcare, and the University of Colorado School of Pharmacy to complete a pilot study to evaluate the integration of pharmacogenetic (PGx) testing into medication treatment of depression in the primary care setting. In the United States, 20% of women and 12% of men suffer from depression. Although proper treatment alleviates symptoms in 70 to 80% of patients suffering from depression, half of patients do not respond to the first antidepressant prescribed to them. It is difficult for clinicians to predict how a patient will respond to antidepressants, so the correct medication and dosage is found through a process of trial and error over months or even years.

Interested in DI Research Opportunities?

Follow DI Newsletters for information on upcoming research opportunities. DARTNet clients have the unique opportunity to become involved in research led by networks nationwide by using data already submitted to DARTNet.

Case studies show that PGx testing can guide clinicians in selecting the proper antidepressant and dosage, or by suggesting alternatives to medications a patient may already be on, thus improving patient outcomes. Pharmacogenetic testing works by analyzing variations and mutations in genes that control how the patient metabolizes certain medications. Once the clinician knows if the patient is a slow, normal, or rapid metabolizer, the clinician can use this insight to decide the proper medication and dosage to prescribe. This pilot study adopts a more holistic approach by using MedWise Advisor—medication safety software—to analyze patients' PGx test results, medical conditions, current medications, and past medication history with the aim of personalizing treatment and mitigating adverse effects across the entire medication regimen.

Interested in Participating?

We are looking for Primary Care sites that have an on-site clinical pharmacist who can recruit 15 patients with treatment resistant depression or newly diagnosed depression in a three month period of time.

Contact Lucy Scott, PhD (Lucy.Scott@dartnet.info) to receive more information.

All DI research collaborations begin with a conversation. If you have a research idea and you would like to explore opportunities for collaboration with DI, please contact Dr. Wilson Pace, DI CMO.

Wilson.Pace@dartnet.info, or 1-800-434-0278 ext. 12

Patient Safety Registry

DARTNet's second Clinical Data Registry is accepting data. The DARTNet Component Patient Safety Organization (DCPSO) is an AHRQ certified Patient Safety Organization which will help health care professionals learn from quality and safety events to improve population health outcomes and increase patient safety. Providers will be able to identify patients with safety events through reports that will be sent each quarter.

Please contact DIRegistry@DARTNet.info if you have questions or are interested in joining the Registry. More information on PSOs can be found at https://pso.ahrq.gov/.

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Employee Spotlight: Trijoon Pradhan

Trijoon Pradhan is the DARTNet featured employee of the quarter. Trijoon joined the DARTNet team in February of 2016 as Development Operations Specialist. He has been an integral part of many projects, with focus on data validation and processing for DARTNet research partners and data processing and management for the Practice Performance Registry. Trijoon is an important piece of the puzzle that gets data from A to Z.

Q: What do you value most about working for DARTNet?

DARTNet is a constructive and collaborative environment. The nature of the work is constantly evolving and is never boring.

Q: What are three things most people don't know about you?

I speak and write 4 languages. I have a Computer Science and Software Engineering Degree.

Q: What is something you have always wanted to try?

Sky diving.

Q: What is your irrational fear?

Not irrational but I fear drowning, although I know how to swim.

Q: What have you gained form working at DARTNet?

Real time data processing experience.

Q: What academic / career steps lead you to DARTNet?

Master's Degree in Database Development and Management.

Q: What are your hobbies / interests outside of work?

The engineer in me loves to design and build stuff. I build my bikes, work on my car. My current project is designing a smart home with fully automated lights, HVAC, and security. In my free time, I do photography, go fishing, fly kites, play guitar, snowboard, and drive the twisty mountains.

Q: If you could take three things to a deserted island, what would they be?

Fishing rod, waterproof matches, and a tarp.

Q: What is the most interesting place you have lived?

I lived in Nepal for 18 years, 6 years in India and 9 years in the US. Each place is interesting on its own. I really can't choose a favorite.