

2017 NACOR registration and renewal deadline approaching

Practices renewing for 2017 NACOR Quality Reporting must complete the <u>online order form</u> by Tuesday, October 31. More information about NACOR Quality Reporting is available on the <u>NACOR</u> <u>Quality Reporting Options and Mechanisms webpage</u>.

Discuss patient safety and earn MOCA credit at AIRS Safe Tables seminar at ANESTHESIOLOGY® 2017

Based on incidents reported to the Anesthesia Quality Institute (AQI) <u>Anesthesia Incident Reporting System (AIRS)</u>, this Safe Tables seminar offers a forum to confidentially discuss patient safety events within the AQI Patient Safety Organization. Basic concepts of patient safety and human factors will be discussed and followed by AQI AIRS leadership-guided breakout sessions to engage attendees in the analysis of factors that contributed to the safety events, including human, system, cultural, and institutional factors. The seminar will involve designing system changes that could prevent future safety events from reaching the patient. Attendees will be asked to share their own experiences. *Separate registration is required*. Register now for SM701 - AIRS Safe Tables.

Take advantage of AQI's Virtual Office Hours

Looking for answers to your quality reporting questions? AQI is hosting its regularly scheduled <u>Virtual Office Hours</u> at <u>11 a.m.</u> and <u>5 p.m.</u> Central, on Tuesday, October 10. AQI & ASA staff members provide quality reporting general announcements and offer a question-and-answer session.

Join us at ANESTHESIOLOGY® 2017 for the AQI MACRA Reporting Seminar
Learn about 2017 MACRA reporting from AQI and ASA experts during the AQI MACRA Reporting
Seminar at 1:10 p.m., Sunday, October 22. In this four-hour session at ANESTHESIOLOGY 2017,
participants will learn how to select quality measures and improvement activities and discuss tools and
strategies for successfully reporting MIPS via AQI's NACOR. A brief discussion on potential 2018
MACRA regulations is scheduled as well. Register now. Attendees also can register on site.

Importance of submitting appropriate measure codes

When preparing your NACOR data submission, make sure to carefully review the CPT codes included in each measure. AQI recently learned that some practices' measure results were not displayed in their NACOR dashboards as the practices expected because their data submissions did not contain appropriate CPT codes. AQI'S NACOR can only accept CPT codes included in the specifications for each measure. For example, if a given measure requires ASA CPT codes, NACOR cannot accept surgical CPT codes for that measure. If appropriate CPT codes are not submitted, NACOR cannot calculate the measures a practice intends on reporting. For more information on measure specifications, refer to the 2017 QCDR Measure Booklet and 2017 MIPS at a Glance.