

Quality Improvement Resources at a Glance

2015 THCA Annual Convention & Tradeshow



The 2015 THCA Annual Convention & Tradeshow, September 21 – 24th will have several tracks including one on Quality Improvement (QI).

If you haven't registered yet for the 2015 65th Annual "Commitment and Devotion" THCA Convention, September 21 – 24th please [CLICK HERE](#) to go registration website.

AHCA FREE Webinars

AHCA/NCAL provides free webinars as a way for our members to gain important industry knowledge in your own facility, office or home by participating in an effective learning opportunity for the long term care professional. With little time to spare, participating in Webinars allow you to stay up-to-date on the latest in our industry and further your knowledge and professional development in a convenient and time efficient manner. Webinars will be archived so that they can be accessed by AHCA/NCAL members in the event that they are unable to participate in the live webinar. Access to the archived webinars is free of charge.

Upcoming AHCA Webinars

- #Winning at Social Media
- Strategies for Addressing Workplace Violence in Healthcare Facilities and Ensuring Compliance with OSHA's **NEW** Guidelines

On-Demand Webinars

- Just say "NO" to Drugs and "YES" to Successful Behavior Management
- AHCA First Impressions on CMS Medicaid Managed Care Proposed Rule
- The Quality Initiative 2015-2018: What's New & What it Means for You

For a more extensive list of AHCA's Webinar offerings go to <http://webinars.ahcancal.org/index.php>

TMF Health Quality Institute: Quality Improvement Webinar

Improving Immunizations in Nursing Homes

August 6, 2015

Join this webinar to learn how your nursing home can improve in immunization quality measures and processes. You will hear nursing home leaders discuss best practices that can be implemented in your facility, as well as the Texas MDS clinical coordinator who will present additional information about MDS coding for these measures.

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Registration

1. Go to the [event page](#).
2. Click "Register."
3. Fill out the required information.
4. Click "Submit."

For a full listing of TMF Webinars and other Quality Improvement information go to <http://www.tmfqin.org/Networks>

DADS Quality Improvement Resources

If you missed the *All aboard the T.R.A.I.N!* Webinar about Pain Assessment for Residents with Dementia?

To catch up to the T.R.A.I.N [click here to listen to the webinar recording](#)

Covered topics include:

- The connection between pain, dementia and the use of antipsychotic medications
- Defining pain and pain types
- Barriers to pain management
- Common causes and manifestations of pain
- Consequences of untreated pain
- Comprehensive pain assessment in residents with dementia
- Periodic pain re-evaluations
- Use of validated pain scales
- How to use the Pain Assessment in Advanced Dementia (PAINAD) scale (with video examples)

Questions can be emailed to NF.policy@dads.state.tx.us.

MDS/Staffing Focus Survey Webinar

In 2014, CMS piloted a focused survey in five states to assess MDS 3.0 coding practices and their relationship to resident care. In 2015, CMS expanded these surveys nationwide, as well as expanding them to assess self-reported staffing levels.

Cheryl Shiffer the Texas MDS Clinical Coordinator with DADS participated in a Webinar that discussed the survey and it is available online to **watch on-demand for FREE** at:

<https://www.simpleltc.com/mds-focused-staffing-surveys/>.

You will learn:

- Purpose of the 2015 MDS focused and staffing surveys
- Survey and enforcement process
- Key findings from 2014's pilot surveys in five states
- Item M0300: Accurate staging and documentation of pressure ulcers
- Item N0410A: Coding antipsychotic drugs
- Item P0100: Proper evaluation and coding of restraints

Additional MDS resource: Cheryl Shiffer also publishes the MDS Mentor, an MDS resource which is also available online four times a year – March, June, September and December.

A list of the published MDS Mentors can be found here: <http://www.dads.state.tx.us/providers/mds/mentor/>