

## Sharing Knowledge, Improving Quality CREATING HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES

To improve the quality of health care Americans receive, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services established the National Quality Strategy. This strategy focuses on three broad aims: better health care, better health for people and communities, and affordable care through lowering costs by improvement.

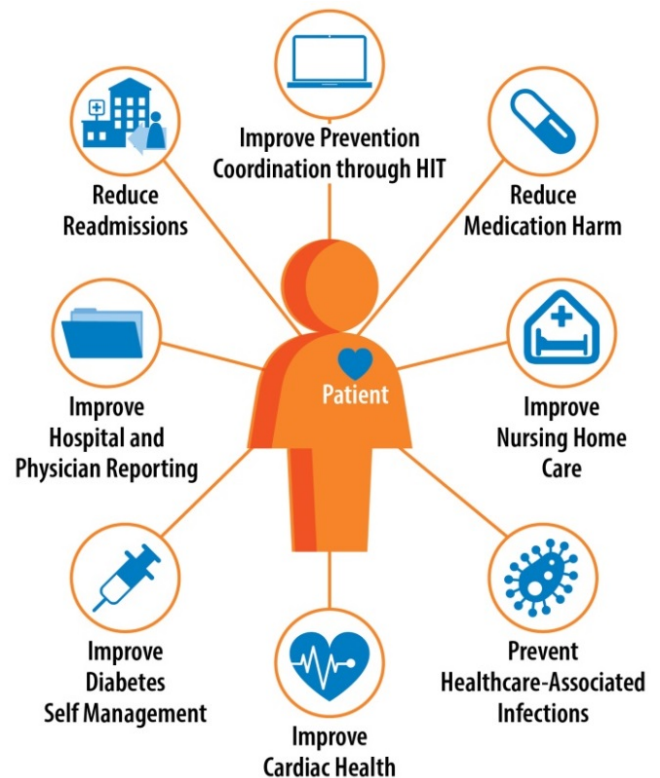
The Carolinas Center for Medical Excellence (CCME), a member of the Atlantic Quality Innovation Network (AQIN), partners with providers and stakeholders to meet objectives in support of the National Quality Strategy aims.

### Improving SC Health Care!

Providers, stakeholders, patients, and caregivers are invited to participate in statewide quality improvement programs. The AQIN South Carolina team facilitates education, via Learning and Action Networks with subject matter experts, sharing of best practices, and development of collaborative solutions to improve health care in the region. Each program works in concert with other national programs, including the Million Hearts® Campaign and the Advancing Excellence in Nursing Homes initiative.

### Learning and Action Networks

AQIN South Carolina is engaging health care providers, stakeholders, and patients in Learning and Action Networks (LANs) **at no charge** to lead rapid, large-scale change in health care quality. LANs convene stakeholders, providers, and improvement experts in an “all teach, all learn” model. They also provide educational webinars and conferences, encourage peer sharing, allow rapid testing of change ideas, and support for adapting and spreading successful improvements.



Source: TMF Quality Innovation Network

### Available Networks

- **Partners in Practice for Healthy Communities**
  - Preventing one million heart attacks and strokes by 2017
  - Improving health outcomes for people with diabetes and helping eliminate health disparities
  - Improving prevention coordination through meaningful use of health information technology
  - Assisting physicians, hospitals, and other providers with value-based payment and quality reporting programs

- **Health Care-Associated Infections**
  - Reducing health care-associated infections in hospitals
- **Nursing Home Quality Improvement**
  - Reducing health care-acquired conditions and improving the quality of care in nursing homes
- **Community Coalitions**
  - Identifying and targeting special populations affected by poor care coordination
  - Reducing avoidable hospital readmissions by improving the quality of patients' transitions between health care settings
  - Improving drug safety practices, reducing medication-related harm, and developing innovative care standards
  - Increasing senior vaccinations

### Benefits of Participation

- Improved quality outcomes and patient/family satisfaction
- Access to tools and resources
- Technical assistance
- Peer discussion groups
- Continuing education credit for certain activities
- Access to quality improvement and subject matter experts

### Improvement to Date

**Achieving success with SC Department of Health & Environmental Control and other partners!**

