MN Health Collaborative Joins the Movement

More Than 100 Organizations Join the National Academy of Medicine in Countering the Opioid Epidemic

The National Academy of Medicine (NAM) announced that more than 100 organizations, across the U.S. - including community organizations, hospital and medical systems, academia, nonprofits, and health professional societies - have joined NAM in declaring their commitment to reversing national trends in opioid misuse and overdose. The announcement was made at a recent meeting of the NAM's Action Collaborative on Countering the U.S. Opioid Epidemic. The MN Health Collaborative has been committed to this work since its inception and proud to join this national call to action.

In Case You Missed It: MN Health Collaborative Resources

Integration of Behavioral Health in Primary Care: A Call to Action

This Call to Action provides guidance to health systems on integrating behavioral health into primary care that is evidence-based, as well as adaptable to local context. Learn about the framework MN Health Collaborative systems have developed and adopted, tools and practices being used to improve care, and explore the common needs and themes across the community.

Medical Clearance Evaluation in the ED
In 2018, leaders from EDs and psychiatry developed and adopted shared standards for medical clearance evaluation in EDs to ensure a person is medically stable for transition to inpatient psychiatric facilities. The goal of these standards is to decrease the wide variation in practice that leads to unnecessary tests and delays in patient care.

For questions or comments regarding this information, please email pstaack@icsi.org.

The MN Health Collaborative is an influential group of health leaders from 15 organizations working together to find solutions to healthcare’s toughest challenges, including opioid misuse and addiction, and system improvements for broader mental health needs. Visit our website to view additional resources from the MN Health Collaborative here.

ICSI Guideline Updates

On May 16, 2019, the Committee on Evidence-Based Practice approved the following documents;

* Diagnosis and Initial Treatment of Ischemic Stroke
* Age to Initiate Colorectal Cancer Screening in Average Risk Individuals: Evidence Brief, May 2019

We expect both of these documents to be available on the ICSI website by mid-July. Click here to see other guidelines offered.

Helping Redefine Health for Kids and Teens

ICSI is proud to be a part of the National School-Based Health Alliance's 2019 National Convention in Washington, D.C. On June 24th, ICSI consultant Sarah Horst will deliver the opening plenary: Improvement Science and the Art of Improvisation - Collaborative Tools to Accelerate Change. Featuring ICSI's quality improV(e) framework, she'll share how adaptive methods and an improvisational mindset can change that conversation about how to do improvement.

More than 3,000 school-based health centers nationwide are delivering integrated, patient-centered care, screenings for conditions like obesity and depression, and preventive services—all with a special focus on vulnerable children and adolescents. Convention attendees will explore new ways health centers are serving their schools and their communities by promoting wellness and health equity. Learn more about the School-Based Health Alliance.
We Are ICSI
The 2018 annual report offers highlights of the past year, showcases the achievements of our members and sponsors, and demonstrates ICSI's enduring value to our state and region.