

2013 Annual Report

Quality Improvement Committee

The charge of the Quality Improvement Committee (QIC) includes developing and implementing quality improvement (QI) programs and activities to give radiologists and radiology professionals:

- The knowledge, tools, and resources to improve their practice and patient satisfaction
- Help in meeting requirements for continuing professional certification

Quality Improvement Storyboard Project:

Since the successful launch of the QI storyboards at RSNA 2009, 162 Storyboard abstracts have been accepted and most of the Storyboard projects are available for viewing via the RSNA Quality Website. For RSNA 2013, 52 Storyboard abstracts were selected from the 209 submitted. The QI Storyboards will be on display in a prominent, dedicated area of the Lakeside Learning Center, and each Storyboard author will be available during the week for at least one Meet-the-Author session. Thirty-four Storyboard authors have opted to use the electronic exhibits platform at RSNA 2013.

Quality Special Interest Session:

The Quality Special Interest Session will be held on Monday, December 2, 2013. The topic for this year's session will be *Getting Radiologist Peer Review Right*.

QI Courses at RSNA 2013:

The Quality Initiatives Multisession course will cover the following topics:

- **Safety at Work**
- **Keeping our Customers Satisfied**
- **Strategies for Improving Patient Safety**

Two of these sessions, as well as the Quality Special Interest Session, will provide participants the opportunity to earn a Quality Essentials Certificate (QEC), in addition to SAM. A QEC is awarded to anyone scoring 80% or higher on the 20-question SAM test associated with the session. Interested individuals will be able to earn a QEC on-line after the meeting by completing the test as part of a SA-CME program. Participants have had the opportunity to earn QECs at the 2011 and 2012 RSNA Annual Meetings, and online via the RSNA QI

Education and Resources webpage. Through October 21, 2013, 784 QECs have been awarded.

New for 2013 is the opportunity to receive an Advanced Level Quality Certificate (ALQC), recognizing those who achieve a QEC in each of the four pillars of QI and have a Quality Storyboard accepted for exhibit. RSNA has developed a webpage via which eligible candidates can submit a request their ALQC.

***RadioGraphics* Articles:**

RadioGraphics featured nine Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement articles in 2013. The March 2013 issue of *RadioGraphics* featured a special editorial, *Standardization of Quality Initiative Reporting*, written by James R. Duncan, MD, PhD, David B. Larson, MD and Jonathan B. Kruskal, MD, PhD. This editorial includes a *Suggested Framework for Reporting of Quality Initiatives* as well as a *Suggested Template for Structuring a Quality Improvement Report*.

The QIC is grateful to all its members and other volunteers who have contributed to the success of its programs in 2013.

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