

2014 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, 216 Storyboard abstracts have been accepted. The majority of the Storyboard projects are available for viewing via the RSNA Quality Website, prolonging their value to the community. For RSNA 2014, 54 Storyboard abstracts were selected from 250 submissions. The QI Storyboards will be on display in a prominent, dedicated area of the Learning Center, and each Storyboard author will be available during the week for a Meet-the-Author session. Thirty-six Storyboard authors have opted to use the electronic exhibits platform at RSNA 2014.

Quality Multisession Course and Quality Certificate Program:

The topic for this year's course is *Improving Your Practice with the Lean Approach*. The course is composed of three sessions focusing on Lean Management fundamentals, implementation and tools. This course will also provide participants an opportunity to earn Quality Essentials Certificates (QEC) in the following domains:

- Quality Improvement in Your Practice
- Radiologist Performance Improvement
- Staff and Patient Safety

A QEC is awarded to anyone scoring 80% or higher on the 20-question SAM test associated with the session. Individuals are also able to earn QEC on-line by completing the test that is offered as an SA-CME.

Since the launch of the QEC program at RSNA 2011, RSNA has awarded 1,358 QECs. In the past year, 309 QECs were awarded to participants of the in-person sessions at RSNA 2013, and an additional 265 certificates were issued to those who took the same courses online, through October 15, 2014.

Advanced Level Quality Certificate (ALQC)

Beginning in 2013, eligible candidates can work toward achieving an ALQC, awarded in recognition of those who earn a QEC in each of the four domains and have exhibited a Quality Storyboard at an RSNA Annual Meeting. To date, six ALQCs have been awarded.

PQI Project Templates

The QIC maintains a library of ABR-qualified PQI project templates as a resource for physicians working to meet Part IV of their MOC. The ABR provides direct links from its Webpages to RSNA's PQI projects. The QIC has requested statistics and attestation data from the ABR on traffic to and use of the RSNA PQI Projects through the ABR Website site.

***RadioGraphics* Articles:**

RadioGraphics has featured eight Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement articles in 2014.

The QIC is grateful to all its members and other volunteers who have contributed to the success of the quality activities in 2014.

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Chair