

UPDATE for the Community



LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Alliance knows that health care is local, and we are always excited to visit leaders in the communities where they work and live to see health care in action. This is why the Alliance hosts community meetings throughout the year to talk about public reporting and our flagship report, the Community Checkup. Not only is it an opportunity for those unfamiliar with our work to learn more about us, but it is also an opportunity for us to hear from those using our data and doing the hard work of quality improvement. [Read more from our executive director.](#)

ALLIANCE UPDATES

Community Checkup report published with results from three new counties

This version of the Community Checkup is the eighth time that the Alliance has produced these results, and it includes an important milestone in the Alliance's expansion across Washington state. For the first time, the Alliance is reporting results for medical groups and clinics outside the Puget Sound region, with results for [Skagit](#), [Spokane](#) and [Whatcom](#) counties. In this report, the Alliance provides a glimpse of how measurement might spur improvement by comparing results from the second Community Checkup, published in 2008, and this year's results. [Read the press release.](#)

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Choosing Wisely

Choosing Wisely is a campaign designed to provide easy-to-understand guides for getting better, safer, more effective care. It is a partnership between the Alliance, The American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM), the Washington State Medical Association, and others. [Learn more.](#)

Visit the Community Checkup website

The Community Checkup website helps consumers make informed choices by giving them access to a robust and accessible supply of data and resources. The website is regularly updated with new information and data; for example, new results for hospital measures from the Leapfrog Group and Hospital Compare. [Learn more.](#)

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The Washington Health Alliance brings

Expanding public reporting to eastern Washington

Work has begun on the next Community Checkup public report to be published this fall. This next report will display quality results for medical groups and clinics in Ellensburg, Wenatchee, Chelan, Yakima and Tri-Cities. In advance of the new reports, we are holding public meetings May 4–6 in these communities to talk about the Alliance and public reporting of health care quality and to learn more about local quality improvement efforts. Invitations are going out right now for these meetings. If you are interested in attending, or know someone who should attend, please contact John Gallagher at jgallagher@wahealthalliance.org.

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April 15-17, Tukwila, WA (Conference)

[Washington Health Alliance's Community Checkup: A tool to support health care quality improvement](#)

April 22, Clinical Performance Improvement Network (Webinar)

[Learning from State-Based Initiatives: How the Washington Health Alliance is Using Performance Measures to Drive Quality Across Health Care Providers](#)

April 23, Pharmacy Quality Alliance Quality Forum Lecture Series (Webinar)

[Pharmacy Quality Alliance 10th Annual National Meeting](#)

May 14, Arlington, VA (Conference)

[National Readmission Summit 2015](#)

May 28, Seattle, WA (Conference) .
