

UPDATE for the Community



LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Improving the performance of our health care system requires collaboration between all stakeholders – providers, purchasers, health plans and consumers. For a decade, the Alliance has worked to strengthen the role of the health consumer through a number of activities, including: Choosing Wisely, our patient experience survey, the Consumer Engagement Committee and the [Own Your Health campaign](#). As advocates for health care consumers, we are part of a growing movement to promote shared decision making, which is gaining support both nationwide and in our own state. [Read more from our executive director](#).

ALLIANCE UPDATES

All-Alliance Meeting: Community Checkup and the Washington State Common Measure Set on Health Care Quality and Cost

Join us for the unveiling of the first set of results from the Washington State Common Measure Set on Health Care Quality and Cost. Results will be on the Community Checkup website (www.wacommunitycheckup.org) and are a critical component of Washington State's Healthier Washington initiative and value-based purchasing strategies. *This special event is open to the public.* [Learn more and register for the event](#).

CPIN Webinar: Introducing the new Community Checkup: a look at the Washington State Common Measure Set for Health Care Quality and Cost

Learn about the Washington State Common Measure Set for Health Care Quality and Cost and Community Checkup key findings. Participants will also learn how the Community Checkup can be used as a guide for quality improvement. The Clinical Performance Improvement Network is an educational program designed to assist physician practices' efforts on quality improvement. This activity has been approved for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™*. [Register online](#).

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Would you like to learn more about membership in the Alliance? [Learn more about the value of Alliance membership](#).

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. [Learn more](#).

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The Washington Health Alliance

shared decision making

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), Washington Health Alliance, the Washington State Health Care Authority and Group Health Cooperative are co-sponsoring [two free, one-day train-the-trainer workshops](#) on the SHARE approach, a five-step process for shared decision making. The master trainer workshops will train health care leaders who will in turn go back to their organizations and communities to train others in shared decision making. These workshops are the launch of a statewide learning network to support ongoing implementation of shared decision making.

NOTE: There is a limit of two participants per hospital, medical group or Accountable Community of Health. Space is limited and registration is anticipated to fill up fast.

- [Register for the February 2 workshop](#)
- [Register for the February 4 workshop](#)

Health care leaders gather to learn at Choosing Wisely Summit

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend last week's [Choosing Wisely Summit](#). More than 180 health care leaders from both Washington state and across the country gathered to share and learn about how the Choosing Wisely initiative in Washington state is moving from education to implementation.

ON THE BLOG

[Employers shifting more costs to workers](#)

Recently released results from a survey by the Kaiser Family Foundation and the Health Research & Educational Trust found employers continue to shift expenses to workers, with deductibles rising substantially faster than total health costs.

NEWS TO KNOW

[What Employers Can Do to Accelerate Health Care Reform | Harvard Business Review](#)

[Q&A: Lown Chief on Improving Medicine via 'RightCare' | HealthLeaders Media](#)

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